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# PREFACE.

The Georgia Historical Society has in its possession several manuscript historical documents of great value, which for the lack of means have never been published. It is true that these papers have been accessible to the historians of our State; still, much of their worth has been lost in their present form.

Recognizing the value of the information contained in these papers, and the good to be accomplished by their publication, the Savannah Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution, with a generous and patriotic feeling entirely worthy of that noble organization, has undertaken at its own expense the publication of the collections herein contained.

During that stormy period of American revolutionary history which intervened between the renouncement and overthrow of British authority in the Provinces and the firm establishment of self-government by the newly organized states a condition of affairs arose that was marked by the greatest solicitude and danger. Unwilling to submit longer to British oppression, and conscious of the desperate struggle that must ensue in the resort to arms, the people of the several Provinces in turn called together their wisest men to take counsel for the public good. These organizations were generally known as Councils of Safety. They were composed of the wisest and most prudent men in the community, and to them were entrusted at times the entire welfare of the cause of liberty.

In Georgia the first Council of Safety was appointed at a meeting of the principal friends of liberty held in Savannah on June 22, 1775, with William Ewen as President. On July 4, 1775, a Provincial Congress, in which every parish and district was represented, met at Savannah in Tondee's Long Room (N. W. corner Broughton and Whitaker streets,) and elected Archibald Bulloch, President, and George Walton, Secretary. This meeting is aptly called by Col. C. C. Jones "Georgia's first secession convention." There had, indeed, been a former meeting of similar import, but only a few of the districts and parishes were represented. This, therefore, may truly be called Georgia's first Provincial Congress.

This Congress delegated to the Council of Safety power to act for the people when the Provincial Congress was not in session. The proceedings of this meeting form the first part of these collections. The Council of Safety continued to discharge its functions with several changes in its organization till May, 1777, when John Adam Treutlen, the first Governor of the State of Georgia, was duly installed under a newly established government of the people. It was then dissolved, and its functions were assumed by the proper officers under the New Constitution.

The proceedings of this Council of Safety from Nov. 3rd, 1775, to Feb. 22nd, 1777, form the second part of these collections.

The account of the seige of Savannah from a British source, forming the third part of these collections, was originally published in the *Royal Georgia Gazette* of Nov. 18, 1779. It was copied in the *South Carolina and American General Gazette No. 1086*, Dec. 10, 1779, from which this copy is taken.

To the good people of Georgia and to the public generally the ladies who have kindly undertaken the work

present this contribution to the history of our State with the hope that it will meet with that degree of appreciation which the character of the work and their unselfish motives deserve.

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# PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

# GEORGIA PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

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WEDNESDAY, July 12th, 1775.

At a Provincial Congress, held agreeable to appointment at Tondee's Long Room at Savannah, on the fourth day of July, 1775, and continued from day to day, the following persons were returned duly elected, viz:

Town and District of Savannah: Archibald Bulloch, Noble Wimberly Jones, Joseph Habersham, Jonathan Bryan, Ambrose Wright, William Young, John Glen, Samuel Elbert, John Houstoun, Oliver Bowen, John McCluer, Edward Telfair, Thomas Lee, George Houstoun, Joseph Reynolds, John Smith, William Ewen, John Martin, Doctor Zubly, William Bryan, Philip Box, Philip Allman, William O'Bryan, Joseph Clay, Seth John Cuthbert.

District of Vernonburgh: Joseph Butler,* Andrew Elton Wells, Mathew Roche, Jun.

District of Acton: David Zubly, Basil Cowper, William Gibbons.

Sea Island District: Col. Deveaux, Col. de La Gall, James Bulloch, John Morrell, John Bohun Gerreadieu, John Barnard, Robert Gibson.

District of the Little Ogeechee: Francis Henry Harris, Joseph Gibbons, James Robertson.*

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Those marked * declined taking their seats.

Parish of Saint Mathew: John Stirk, John Adam Treutlen, George Walton, Edward Jones, Jacob Waldhauer, Philip Howell, Isaac Young, Jenkin Davis, John Morel, John Flul, Charles McKay, Christopher Cramer.

Parish of St. Philip: Col. Butler, William Le Conte, William Maxwell, James Maxwell, Stephen Drayton, Adam Fowler Brisbane, Luke Mann, Hugh Bryan.

Parish of Saint George: Henry Jones, John Green, Thomas Burton, William Lord, David Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, James Pugh, John Fulton.

Parish of Saint Andrew: Jonathan Cochran, William Jones, Peter Tarlin, Lachlan McIntosh, William McIntosh, George Threadcraft, John Wereat, Roderick McIntosh, John Witherspoon, George McIntosh, Allan Stewart, John McIntosh, Raymond Demere.

Parish of Saint David: Seth John Cuthbert, William Williams, Sen.

Parish Saint Mary: Daniel Ryan.

Parish of Saint Thomas: John Roberts.

Parish of Saint Paul: John Walton, Joseph Maddock,* Andrew Burns, Robert Rae, James Rae, Andrew Moore, Andrew Burney, Leonard Marbury.

Parish of Saint Johns: James Screven, Nathan Brownson, Daniel Roberts, John Baker, Sen., John Bacon, Sen., James Maxwell, Edward Ball, William Baker, Sen., William Bacon, Jun., John Stephens, John Winn, Sen.

Archibald Bulloch, efquire. being propofed as President, was unanimoufly elected; and George Walton, efquire, being propofed as Secretary, was alfo unanimoufly elected.

The Congress then adjourned to the Meeting Houfe of the Rev. D. Zubly, where he preached a sermon on the alarming state of American affairs.

The Congress being returned, a motion was made and seconded, that the thanks of this Congress be given to

Those marked * declined taking their seats.

the Rev. Dr. Zubly, for the excellent sermon he preached this day to the members, which being unanimoufly agreed to it was ordered, that Basil Cowper, Joseph Clay, John Houstoun, John Glen, and George Houstoun, efquires, be a committee for that purpofe.

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WEDNESDAY, 5th July, 1775.

A motion was made and seconded, that this Congress apply to his excellency, the Governor, by meffage, requefting him to appoint a day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this province, on account of the disputes subsisting between America and the parent State, which being unanimoufly passed in the affirmative it was ordered that Dr. Zubly, William Jones, Dr. Jones, John Glen, John Houstoun, Joseph Clay, Stephen Drayton, and William Maxwell, be a committee for that purpofe.

COPY OF THE MESSAGE.

May it pleafe your excellency:

The Provincial Congress, deeply concerned at the prefent state of affairs and the diftress of America humbly requeft that your excellency would appoint a day of Fasting and Prayer to be observed throughout this province that a happy reconciliation may soon take place between America and the parent State, and that under the aufpicious reign of his Majesty, and his descendants, both countries may remain united, free, virtuous and happy, till time shall be no more.

By order of the Congress.

ARCHIBALD BULLOCH, President.

The President being informed by the messenger, that John Jamison and John Simpson, efquires, were in waiting, and desired to be admitted, which being agreed to they were desired to walk in.

They then produced and delivered in to the President, a paper containing several resolutions entered into by a number of persons, inhabitants of the town of Savan-

nah, which was ordered to be read, and is as follows, viz:

At a meeting of several of the inhabitants of the town of Savannah, at Mrs. Cuyler's, on Friday the thirteenth of June, 1775, present, John Mullrine, esquire, in the chair, Joseph Clay, James Morsman, Rev. Mr. J. J. Zubly, John Simpson, Noble Wimberly Jones, John Jamison, William Moss, John Glen, Josiah Tatnall, John Graham, Lewis Johnston, William Young, Richard Wylly, Andrew McLean, Basil Cowper, Phillip Moore, George Houstoun, Joseph Butler, James Read, William Panton, James Edward Powell, William Struthers, Alexander McGowen, John C. Lucena, Thomas Sherman, J. N. Fanning, Levi Sheftall, Charles Hamilton, George Spence, William Brown, Jr., Francis Courvoizie, James Anderson.

WHEREAS, publick confusions and grievances are much increased by private dissention and animosities;

*Resolved*, therefore. nem. con., That we will use our utmost endeavors to preserve the peace and good order of this province, and that no person, behaving himself peaceably and inoffensively, shall be molested in his person and property, or even in his private sentiments, while he expresses them with decency and without any illiberal reflections upon others.

WHEREAS, The acts for raising a perpetual reserve in America, and all the measures used to enforce these acts, are not partial but general grievances, and it is more likely that redress be obtained by joint endeavors of all who may think these acts unconstitutional or oppressive, than by any measure that might be taken singly by individuals, therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this meeting, (as a proper measure to be pursued, because the general assembly is not now sitting, from whom an application to the throne must be very proper, and as no time should be lost,) that a humble, dutiful and decent petition be addressed to his Majesty, expressive of the sense, apprehensions and feelings of all such as may choose to subscribe such a petition, which it is to be hoped will be done by every man in the province; and it is therefore the wish of this meeting that such a measure may be adopted by the Provincial Congress, intended to be held on Tuesday next, the fourth of July.

*Resolved*, That the interest of this province is inseparable from the mother country, and all the sister Colonies, and that to separate themselves from the latter would only be throwing difficulties in the way of its own relief, and that of the other Colonies, and justly incurring the resentment of all those to whose distress our disunion might caufe an addition.

*Resolved,* That this province ought, and it is hoped will, forthwith join the other provinces in every juft and legal measure to secure and restore the liberties of all America, and for healing the unhappy divisions now subsisting between Great Britain and her Colonies.

*Resolved,* That the proceedings of this meeting be laid before the Provincial Congress on Tuesday, the fourth day of July next, and that Wm. Jamison and Mr. Simpson, do wait upon them with the same, as recommended to them by this meeting.

By order of the Meeting. JOHN MULLRINE.

A motion was made and seconded, that the paper above mentioned do lie upon the table for the perusal of the members, which, being carried, the same was ordered to lie upon the table accordingly.

A motion was made and seconded, that this Congress do put this province upon the same footing with our sister Colonies, which, being put, it was ordered that it be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

By order of the Congress.

A true copy of the minutes.

GEO. WALTON, Secretary.

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THURSDAY, 6th of July, 1775.

The order of the day being read, the same was taken into consideration, and after some deliberation, it was unanimoufly

*Resolved, 1,* That this province will adopt, and carry into execution, all and singular the measures and recommendations of the late Continental Congress.

*Resolved, 2,* in particular, that we, in behalf of ourselves and our constitution, do adopt and approve of the American Declaration, or Bill of Rights, published by the late Continental Congress, in consequence of several infractions thereof.

*Resolved, 3,* That we will not receive into this province any goods, wares or merchandife, shipped from Great Britain or Ireland, or from any other place any such goods, wares or merchandise, as shall have been exported from Great Britain or Ireland, after this day; nor will we import any East Indian tea from any part of the

world; nor any molasses, syrups, powder, or coffee, or pimento; nor wines from Madeira or the Western Islands, nor foreign indigo.

*Resolved, 4,* That we will neither import or purchafe any slave, imported from Africa or elsewhere, after this day.

*Resolved, 5,* As a Non-consumption Agreement, strictly adhered to, will be effectual security for the observation of the Non-importation, we, as above, solemnly agree and associate, that from this day, we will not purchafe or use any tea imported on account of the East India Company, or any on which a duty has or shall be paid, and we will not purchafe or use any East India tea whatever, nor will we merchandife. We have agreed not to import, which we shall know, or have caufe to suspect were imported after this day.

*Resolved, 6.* The earneft defire we have not to injure our fellow subjects in Great Britain and Ireland and the West Indies, induces us to suspend non-exportation until the tenth day of September, 1775, at which time, if the act and parts of acts of the British Parliament, hereafter mentioned, are not repealed, we will not, directly or indirectly, export any merchandise or commodity whatsoever to Great Britain, Ireland, or the West Indies, except rice to Europe.

*Resolved, 7,* Such as are Merchants, and use the British and India trade, will give orders, as soon as possible to their Factors, Agents and Correspondents in Great Britain and Ireland, not to ship any goods to them, on any pretence whatever, as they cannot be received in this province, and if any Merchant refiding in Great Britain and Ireland shall, directly or indirectly, ship any goods, wares or merchandife for America, in order to break the said non-importation agreement, or in any manner contravene the same, on such unworthy conduct being well attested, it ought to be made publick, and on the same being done, we will not from thenceforth have any commercial connections with such merchant.

*Resolved, 8,* That such as are owners of vessels will give positive orders to their Captains or Masters, not to receive on board their vessels any goods prohibited by the said non-importation agreement, on pain of immediate dismission from the service.

*Resolved, 9,* We will use our utmoft endeavours to improve the breed of sheep and increafe their numbers to the greateft extent, and to that end we will kill them as sparingly as may be, especially those of the moft profitable kind, nor will export any to the West Indies or elsewhere, and thofe of us who are or may become overstocked with, or can conveniently spare any sheep, will difpofe of them to our neighbors, especially to the poorer sort, on moderate terms.

*Resolved, 10,* That we will in our several stations encourage frugality, economy and induftry, and promote agriculture, arts and

the manufacture of British America, especially that of Wool, and will difcountenance and discourage every species of extravagance and dissipation, especially horse-racing and every kind of gaming, cock-fighting, exhibiting of shows, plays and other expenfive diverfions and entertainments, and on the death of any relation or friend, none of us, or any of our families, will go into any farther mourning dress, than a black crepe or ribbon on the arm or hat for gentlemen, and a black ribbon and necklace for ladies, and we will difcontinue the giving of gloves and scarfs at funerals.

*Resolved, 11,* That such as are venders of goods or merchandize will not take advantage of the scarcity of goods that may be occafioned by this association, but will sell the same at the rates we have been refpectively accustomed to do for twelve months laft paft, and if any venders of goods or merchandize shall sell any such goods or merchandize on higher terms, or shall in any manner, or by any device whatfoever, violate or depart from this agreement, no perfon ought, nor will any of us deal with any such perfon, or his or her Factor, Agent, at anytime thereafter, for any commodity whatfoever.

*Resolved, 12,* In cafe any Merchant, Trader or other perfons, shall attempt to import any goods or merchandize, into this province after this day, the same shall be forthwith sent back again, without breaking any of the packages thereof.

*Resolved, 13,* That a committee be chofen in every town, diftrict and parifh within this province by those who pay toward the general tax, whose bufiness it shall be, attentively, to obferve the conduct of all perfons touching this Association, and when it shall be made appear, to the satisfaction of a majority of any such committee, that any perfon within the limits of their appointment, has violated this Association, that such majority do forthwith caufe the truth of the cafe to be publifhed in the *Gazette,* to the end that all such foes to the rights of British America may be publickly known and univerfally contemned as the enemies of American liberty, and thenceforth we will break off all connection with him or her.

*Resolved, 14,* That the Committee of Correspondence in this province do frequently inspect the entries of the Cuftom House, and inform the Committee of the other Colonies which have acceded to the Continental Association, from time to time, of the true state thereof, and of every other material circumstance that may occur relative to this Association.

*Resolved, 15,* That all manufactures of this province be sold at reasonable prices, so that no undue advantage be taken of a future scarcity of goods.

*Resolved, 16,* And we do farther agree and resolve that we will have no trade, commerce, dealings, or intercourfe, whatever, with any Colony or province in North America which shall not accede to, or which shall hereafter violate this Association, but will hold them as unworthy of the rights of freemen, and as inimical to the liberties of their country: And we do solemnly bind ourselves and our constituents, under the ties of virtue, honour and love of our country, to adhere to this Association, until parts of the several acts of Parliament, passed since the close of the laft war, as impofe or continue duties upon tea, wine, molasses, syrups, paneles, coffee, sugar, pimento, indigo, foreign paper, glass, and painters' colours imported into America, and extend the powers of the Admiralty Courts beyond their ancient limits, deprive American subjects of trial by jury, authorize the Judge certificate to indemnify the prosecution from damages that he might otherwife be liable to, from a trial by his peers, require oppressive security from claimants of ships, or goods seized before he is allowed to defend his property are repealed; and until that part of the act of the 12 Geo., 3 ch., 24, entitled, "An Act for the better securing his Majesty's Dock-yards, Magazines, Ships, Ammunition and Stores," by which any person charged with committing any of the offences therein described in America, may be tried within any shire or country within the realm is repealed, and until the four acts passed in the last session of Parliament, viz: That for stopping the port and blocking up the harbour of Boston; that for altering the charter and government of the Massachusetts Bay—and that which is entitled, "An Act for the better administration, &c., and that for extending the limits of Quebec, &c.," are repealed, and until the two acts passed in the present session of Parliament, the one entitled, "A Bill to restrain the Trade and Commerce of the Colonies of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, to Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Islands in the West Indies, under certain conditions and limitations," and the other, "An Act commonly called the Fishery Bill."

By order of the Congress.

A true copy from the Minutes.

GEO. WALTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, 7th July, 1775.

The following is his Excellency's *Answer* to the Message of this Congress:

"*To Stephen Drayton, Esq., and the other Gentlemen who waited on the Governor:*

GENTLEMEN—I have taken the opinion of his Majesty's Council relative to the requeft made by the gentlemen who have assembled together by the name of a Provincial Congress, and must premise that I cannot consider that meeting as Constitutional; but as the requeft is expressed in such loyal and dutiful terms, and the end propofed being such as every good man must most ardently wish for, I will certainly appoint a Day of Fasting and Prayer, to be observed throughout this province.

JA WRIGHT.

SAVANNAH, the 7th of July, 1775."

A motion was made and seconded, that the thanks of this Congress be given to his Excellency the Governor, for his answer to the Message of the Congress, and his ready compliance with their requeft, which being put, unanimoufly passed the affirmative. Ordered—That Dr. Zubly, John Smith and Joseph Clay be a committee for the purpofe.

A motion was made and seconded, that five persons be chofen to reprefent this province in the Continental Congress, appointed to be held at the city of Philadelphia, on the 10th May last, and the queftion being put, is passed unanimoufly in the affirmative.

The Congress then proceeded to the choice, when John Houstoun and Archibald Bulloch, Esq's, the Rev. Dr. Zubly, Noble Wimberly Jones and Lyman Hall, Esq's, were duly elected.

*Resolved, therefore,* That the said John Houstoun and Archibald Bulloch, Esq's, the Rev. Dr. Zubly, Noble Wimberly Jones and Lyman Hall, Esq's, be the Delegates of this province to represent the same in said Continental Congress, and that any three of them be a quorum.

By order of the Congress.

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GEO. WALTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, 8th July, 1775.

*Resolved,* That this Congress are of the opinion, that the resolves delivered in to this Congress on the second day of its meeting ought not to have been entitled or dressed in the form of resolves, but rather as recommendations, or in the nature of a petition or address to the Congress.

*Resolved. nevertheless,* From the defire this Congress hath to promote union and to be considered as coming from a distinct or independent body, that, therefore, the matter contained in same (being such as is in the general agreeable to us), shall be duly considered and attended to.

By order of the Congress.

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GEO. WALTON, Secretary.

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WHEREAS, By the unrelenting fury of a despotick Ministry, and with a view to enforce the moft oppressive acts of a venal and corrupted Parliament, an army of mercenaries, under an unfeeling Commander, have actually begun a civil war in America.

AND WHEREAS, The apparent iniquity and cruelty of these obstructive measures have however had this good effect, to unite men of all ranks in the common caufe.

AND WHEREAS, To consult means of safety, and the method of obtaining redress, the good people of this province of Georgia have thought proper to appoint a Provincial Congress. The Delegates met at the said Congress, now assembled from every part of the province, besides adopting the resolutions of the late Continental Congress, find it prudent to enter into such other resolutions as may beft express their own senfe, and the senfe of their constituents, on the prefent unhappy situation of things, and therefore thought fit and necessary to resolve as follows:

*Resolved,* That we were born free, have all the feelings of men, and are entitled to all the natural rights of mankind.

*Resolved,* That by birth or incorporation we are all Britons, and whatever Britons may claim as their birthright is also ours.

*Resolved,* That in the British Empire, to which we belong, the constitution is superior to every man, or set of men, whatever, and that it is a crime of the deepest dye in any instance to impair or take it away, or deprive the meanest subject of its benefits.

*Resolved,* That, that part of the American continent which we inhabit was originally granted by the Crown, and the charter expressly from Charles the 2nd, makes its constitution dependence on the Crown only.

*Resolved,* That those who now would subject all America, or this province, to dependency on the Crown and Parliament, are guilty of a very dangerous innovation which in time will appear as injurious to the Crown as it is inconsistent with the liberty of the American subject.

*Resolved,* That by the law of nature and the British Constitution. no man can legally be deprived of his property without his consent, given by himself or his representative.

*Resolved,* That the Acts of the British Parliament, for raising a perpetual revenue on the Americans, by laying a tax on them without their consent, and contrary to their protestations, are diametrically oppofite to every idea of property, to the spirit of the constitution, and at one stroke deprive this vast continent of all liberty and prosperity, and as such muft be detefted by every well wifher of Great Britain and America.

*Resolved,* That the subsequent laws made with a view to enforce thefe acts, viz: the Boston Port Bill, and Alteration of their Charter, the Act to carry beyond Sea for Trial, and what refines upon every species of cruelty, the Fishery Bill, are of such a complexion that we can say nothing about them for want of words to express our abhorrence and detestation.

*Resolved,* That the loyalty, patience and prudence of the inhabitants of New England, under their unparalleled pressure, having been construed into timidity, and dread of regular troops, a civil war, in support of acts extremely oppressive in themselves, hath actually been begun, and that there is too much reafon to believe that plans have been in agitation big with everything horrible to other provinces, plans as rash, barbarous and destructive as the caufe which they were intended to serve.

*Resolved,* That in thefe times of extreme danger, our Affembly not being permitted to sit, we muft have either been a people without all thought or council, or have affembled, as we now are, in Provincial Congress, to confult upon meafures which, under God, may prove the means of perpetual union with the Mother Country, and tend to the honour, freedom and safety of both.

*Resolved,* That this province bears all true allegiance to our own rightful Sovereign, King George III, and always will, and ought to bear it agreeable to the conftitution of Great Britain, by virtue of

which only the King is now our Sovereign, and which equally binds Majesty and Subjects.

*Resolved,* That we are truly senfible how much our safety and happiness depends on a conftitutional connection with Great Britain, and that nothing but the being deprived of the privileges and natural rights of Britons could ever make the thought of a separation otherwise than intolerable.

*Resolved,* That in cafe his Majefty, or his succeffors, shall at any time hereafter, make any requifition to the good people of this province, by his Reprefentatives, it will be juft and right that such sums should be granted as the nature of the service may require, and the ability and situation of this province will admit of.

*Resolved,* That this province join with the provinces of America now met by delegates in Continental Congress, and that John Houston and Archibald Bulloch, Efqs., the Rev. Dr. Zubly, Lyman Hall and Noble Wimberly Jones, Efqs., be the delegates from this province for that purpose.

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed whofe duty it shall be to see to it that the refolutions of the Continental and Provincial Congress be duly obferved, and that every perfon who shall act in oppofition thereto have his name tranfmitted to the Continental Congress, and his mifdeeds be publifhed in every American paper.

*Resolved,* That with all such perfons, except the indifpenfable duties that we owe all mankind (bad men and enemies not excepted), we will have no dealings nor connection, and we extend this our refolution alfo to all such perfons or corporations in Great Britain who has shown themfelves enemies to America.

*Resolved,* That we will do what in us lies to preferve and promote the peace and good order of this province; and should any perfon become an innocent sufferer on account of thefe grievances, we will do whatever we juftly may for his relief and affiftance.

*Resolved,* That in such calamitous times as the prefent every poffible indulgence ought to be given to honeft debtors; that it would be ungenerous (unless there appear intention of fraud) in any Gentleman of the Law to fee without previous notice, and any perfon so feed may apply to the Committee, and should it appear to them that the creditor is in no danger of lofing his money, or can be properly secured, they shall interpofe their friendly offices to perfuade him to drop the profecution, and every prosecutor that shall appear to take advantage of the confufion of the times to diftress his debtor, ought to be publickly pointed out and held in abhorence.

*Resolved,* That notwithftanding in a late Bill for reftraining the trade of several provinces in America, this province is excepted. We declare that we look upon this exception rather as an insult than a favour, as being meant to break the union of provinces, and as being grounded on the suppofition that the inhabitants of such excepted province can be bafe enough to turn the oppreffion of America into a mean advantage.

By order of the Congress,

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GEORGE WALTON, Secretary.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GEORGIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, 3d November, 1775.

PRESENT :

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| William Ewen, President. | Joseph Clay. | Edward Telfair. |
| | George Houstoun.* | Geo. Walton. |
| John Smith. | Samuel Elbert. | Wm. Le Conte. |

The President laid before the Board a letter from the Honorable Archibald Bulloch, John Houstoun and John Joachim Zubly,* three Continental Delegates at Philadelphia, containing the resolution of the Continental Congress relative to the two cargoes of goods arrived in this Province after the 6th day of July and before the 6th day of August last.

*Resolved,* That the said resolution and letter be referred to the consideration of the General Committee.

The President reported that he had paid to Philip Box and Wm. Gibbons, Esqrs., the Provincial Treasurers, the sum of eight hundred and four pounds ten shillings Stg., as per copies of their receipts annexed.

SAVANNAH, 19th Sept., 1775.

Rec'd of Wm. Ewen, Esqr., President of the Council of Safety, five hundred and fifty-five shilling bills, being one hundred and thirty-seven pounds 10s., which we promise to be accountable for when thereunto required.

PHILIP BOX.
WM. GIBBONS.

550.5s. £137 10s.

*Afterwards joined the Royalists.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety on Monday, December 11th, 1775.

PRESENT.

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| George Walton. | Francis Henry Harris. | John Smith. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | Oliver Bowen. | Wm. Ewen. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Saml. Elbert, | John Martin. |
| | Ambrose Wright. | |

The Council proceeded to the election of a President by ballot, when George Walton, Esqr., was found to be duly elected and took his seat accordingly.

Mr. Edward Langworthy being proposed as Secretary, was unanimously elected and was also elected as Secretary to the General Committee.

*Resolved,* That Edwd. Langworthy be allowed.....pounds per annum for the above service.

.....Congress resolved that the Council of Safety..... for the payment of the Secretary.....to pay the doorkeeper and messenger.....during the sitting of Congress in..... this Board, in consideration.....the Secretary, do resolve paid to him for.....sum of ten pounds be paid the messenger and the sum of eight pounds the doorkeeper for their attendance on the late Congress.

Ordered, that the President do write letters to the several persons elected to sit at this Board, who have not taken their seats, requiring that they do forthwith give their attendance.

Ordered, that a committee be appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the direction of this Board, and that Mr. Drayton, Francis Henry Harris and Wm. Ewen be that committee.

*Resolved,* That the General Committee be requested to meet tomorrow morning at ten o'clock to proceed to the election of fit persons to supply the vacancies at this Board.

Mr. Clay attended and declined taking his seat at this Board.

Mr. Drayton from the committee appointed to draw up rules, &c., for this Board ..... .....

*Resolved,* That the Council..... Monday on ten o'clock in..... Room.

2d. That every member..... ..... hour of adjournment..... an..... ..... .....

3d. That when the President takes the chair, each member shall take their seats, under a fine of two shillings and six pence.

4th. No member shall speak on a subject, but by addressing himself to the President, uncovered and standing; that only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time; that when two shall arise, the determination, who shall proceed, shall lye with the President.

5th. No member, without leave first obained, shall attempt to speak in the same debate above twice.

6th. That the President shall have power (notwithstanding the first resolve) to call the Council of Safety as often as the emergency of affairs may require, and that if the member, upon such extraordinary notice given for their attendance, shall neglect to attend, they shall be fined the sum of twenty shillings, without a reasonable excuse.

7th. That no member shall be absent from the Council more than a week without first obtaining leave so to do.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing be the standing Rules of this Board.

In consequence of sundry applications, the President delivered commissions to the following gentlemen, viz.:

Thomas Dowd, Third Lieutenant, dated —— December.
James Galache, Second Lieutenant, dated 12th December.
Andrew Maybank, Captain, dated 12th December.
James Cochrane, First Lieutenant, dated 12th December.
Moses May, Second Lieutenant, dated 12th December.
Joseph Woodruffe, Captain, dated 12th December.
John Morrison, First Lieutenant, 13th December.
Jacob Blunt, Second Lieutenant, 13th December.
Hezekiah Wade, Captain, dated —— December.
Jeremiah Beale, First Lieutenant, dated —— December.
Zephaniah Beale, Second Lieutenant, dated —— December.
George Philips, Third Lieutenant, dated —— December.
William Bugg, Senior Second Lieutenant, dated —— December.
Joshua Smith, Third Lieutenant, dated —— December.
John Dooly, Captain, dated —— December.
Thomas Dody, First Lieutenant, dated —— December.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

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| George Walton. | Edwd. Telfair. | John Martin. |
| William Ewen. | John Bohun Girardeau. | Oliver Bowen. |
| Stephen Drayton. | John Smith. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Noble Wm. Jones. | Jonathan Bryan. | Samuel Elbert. |
| Basil Cowper.* | William Gibbons. | Joseph Habersham. |
| | Francis Henry Harris. | |

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, on Thursday morning, December 14th, 1775.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Francis H. Harris. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Saml. Elbert. | William Ewen. | Edwd. Telfair. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Oliver Bowen. | |

*Resolved,* That the Messenger do summons the Members of the General Committee to meet to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon on special Business.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety on Saturday, December 16th, 1775.

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| George Walton. | Oliver Bowen. | John Martin. |
| Stephen Drayton. | William Ewen. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | William Gibbons. | Saml. Elbert. |
| | Francis Henry Harris. | |

A petition was laid before the Council of Safety, in behalf of Capt. John Conyers and the Company he commanded; setting forth, that he, with twenty-five Men, had marched to Augusta and there joined Capt. Elbert, that the petitioner with his men were at considerable expense and trouble; and therefore expected not only to be paid per diem, but also to be reimbursed such necessary expenses, etc.

*Resolved,* That the said John Conyers and his men be paid at the rate of 4 shillings per diem, and likewise the expenses of the expedition.

*Aftewards joined the Royalists.

The president presented an account of Ann Johnston for horse hire on the expedition to Augusta; ordered that the said Ann Johnston be paid forty shillings for the same.

Dr. Jones, attending the Council of Safety, took his seat according to his election.

The chairman of the General Committee informed the Board that the General Committee had met on yesterday, and in pursuance of a resolution of Congress, and agreeable to the request from this Board, had proceeded and elected Basil Cowper,* John Bohun Girardeau and William Gibbons, Esqrs., as members to sit in the Council of Safety in the room of William Le Conte, William Young* and Joseph Clay, who declined taking their seats.

William Gibbons, Esq., attending the Council of Safety, and being informed of his election as a member of this Board, by the General Committee, took his seat accordingly. Basil Cowper, Esq.,* likewise attended and took his seat.

*Whereas,* It has been impracticable to get the proceedings of the late Congress published, agreeable to their directions, and as the said Congress is to expire on the last day of this instant, and members to form a new Congress, to be chosen immediately thereafter, it is necessary that a few extracts from the said proceedings should be published, before the pamphlet can be printed, which will contain the most material part thereof.

IN CONGRESS, DECEMBER 8th, 1775.

*Resolved,* That this Congress do expire on the last day of the present month of December, and that the inhabitants of the several districts and parishes within this province, do proceed to the election of other delegates, to form and sit in a new Congress, between the first and twelfth days of January next; and that the persons so to be elected do meet and form a Provincial Congress at Savannah, or elsewhere, on the first day of June next, or sooner if the honorable the Council of Safety shall think it expedient to summon them.

*Afterwards joined the Royalists.

WHEREAS, Some difficulties may arise in electing the several members, in the several parishes and districts, who are to compose the next Provincial Congress, for the prevention thereof, it is

*Resolved,* That the chairman of the several parochial and district committees do give public notice thereof for at least ten days before such election, and that all persons paying towards the general tax shall have power to vote, and that the delegates shall be freeholders in this province, and shall be chosen by ballot.

*Resolved,* Also, that the mode of delegation recommended by the late Congress be adopted and signed by the electors of members to form and sit in the next Congress; and also that all polls of election shall be open at ten o'clock in the morning and continue so till five in the afternoon, at which time, and not before, it shall be closed, or adjourned till next day; and that no poll shall be continued open longer than two days.

Extracts from the minutes.

ED. LANGWORTHY.

It is therefore strongly recommended to the inhabitants of the several districts and parishes within this Province to proceed to the election of members to form and sit in the next Congress, at the time and in the manner as are recommended by the last; and, in order that there may be no inadequate or clashing powers delegated to the elected: It is ordered that the Secretary do procure a sufficient number of the said forms of delegation to be printed and forthwith transmit them to the parochial and district committees.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, on Monday, December 18th, 1775.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Noble Wimb. Jones. | William Gibbons. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Jonathan Bryan. | Edward Telfair. |
| Basil Cowper.* | William Ewen. | Ambrose Wright. |
| John Martin. | Oliver Bowen. | Samuel Elbert. |

The President presented to the Board a letter from the Council of Safety at Charlestown, which being read, it

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was agreed to answer it by a deputation. Ordered that Mr. Cooper and Mr. Drayton be that deputation.

*Resolved,* That Dr. Jones, Capt. Elbert and Captain Martin be a committee to draw up instructions for the deputies.

The President presented an account of Cuthbert & Platt for the supply of the Indians, £6 3s. 9d. Ordered that the said Cuthbert and Platt be paid accordingly.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety on Tuesday, Decr. 19th, 1775.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Noble W. Jones. | Oliver Bowen. |
| William Ewen. | Francis H. Harris. | Edwd. Telfair. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Archibald Bulloch. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Basil Cowper.* | Samuel Elbert. | Jonathan Bryan. |
| John Martin. | William Gibbons. | John Joachim Zubly.* |

*Resolved,* That the General Committee be requested and directed to emit and lodge in the Treasury the sum of twenty-five hundred pounds for the necessary service and defence of this Province; and that the Chairman of the said committee do produce to this Board the Treasurer's receipts for the same as soon as possible.

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the letter received from the Council of Safety at Charlestown, whether it shall be answered by a letter or deputation.

Mr. Cooper declined going to Charlestown as a deputy; Mr. Ewen was appointed in his room.

Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., laid before the Board the following resolution of the Continental Congress.

IN CONGRESS, Novb. 4th, 1775.

*Resolved,* That for the defence of the Colony of Georgia there be one battalion kept up there at the Continental expence, to be composed as the battalion for the defence of Carolina, viz: To consist of 728 men, officers included. This to be divided into 8 companies, each company to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one En-

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sign, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, two drums or fifes and seventy-six privates.

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| The pay of Colonel, | 50 | dollars p. calender month. | |
| Lieutenant Col., | 40 | ditto p. | do |
| Major, | 33⅓ | ditto p. | do |
| Captain, | 26⅔ | | |
| Lieutenant, | 18 | | |
| Ensign, | 13⅓ | | |
| Sergeant, | 8 | | |
| Corporal, | 7⅓ | | |
| Fife and Drum, | 7⅓ | | |
| Private, | 6⅔ | | |
| Adjutant, | 18⅓ | | |
| Quarter Master, | 18⅓ | | |
| Chaplain, | 20 | | |

*Resolved.* That the above resolution be taken under consideration on Tuesday, the 2nd January, 1776.

The Council adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, Decemr 20th, 1775.

The Council of Safety met according to adjournment.

PRESENT:

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| Geo. Walton, President. | Stephen Drayton. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| | Ambrose Wright. | Oliver Bowen. |
| Samuel Elbert. | John Martin. | Edwd. Telfair. |
| | Noble Wimb. Jones. | |

Mr. Girardeau attended the Council, took his seat.

The Board being informed that the Chief Justice had made a rule of Court, whereby every attorney who shall pay obedience to the regulations of the late Congress, in respect to law proceedings, should be struck off the roll.

The Board deeming such proceeding by the Chief Justice, not only highly derogatory to the authority of Congress, but arbitrary and illegal in respect to the attorneys.

Ordered, that Mr. Bowen and Mr. Girardeau be a committee to search the Prothonotary's office if any such rule is filed therein.

Mr. Bowen and Mr. Girardeau having searched the Prothonotary's office, reported that no such rule is filed therein.

*Resolved,* That the chairman of the General Committee be requested to call a meeting of the same, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Board having particular business to lay before them.

*Resolved,* That the members to be elected to form and sit in the next Congress be summoned to meet at Savannah on the 20th of January next, to form the same, in order that the proceedings of the Continental Congress may be laid before them.

*Ordered,* That the President do write to the committees for the several districts and parishes within the Province, acquainting them therewith.

*Resolved,* That the President be empowered to hire expresses to communicate the same.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

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THURSDAY, December 21st, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton, President, | Noble Wimb. Jones. | Oliver Bowen. |
| | Edward Telfair. | John Martin. |
| Basil Cowper.* | Ambrose Wright. | Samuel Elbert. |
| | Wm. Gibbons. | |

*Resolved,* That all military officers of the First Regiment, acting under authority of Congress, be required to do patrol duty during the Christmas holidays, agreeable to the directions of the Acts of Assembly.

Ordered, that the President do forthwith write to the Captains of the First Regiment, acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety on Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1775.

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PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | John Smith. | Oliver Bowen. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | Wm. Gibbons. | Basil Cowper.* |
| Saml. Elbert. | Francis Henry Harris. | John Martin. |

The President laid before the Board a letter from John Wereat, Esq., informing that several vessels are loading with lumber up Sapelo and other rivers at the southward, with palpable intention of supplying the West India markets, contrary to the restraints of Congress. The Board taking the said letter into consideration, resolved that the committees for the southern parishes be required to take effectual measures to prevent such wicked and daring attempts. Ordered, that the men employed and the necessary charges and expenses attending the same be paid by the public. Ordered, that the President do write to the southern parishes, acquainting them therewith.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety on Wednesday, December 27th, 1775.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Oliver Bowen. | John Smith. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | Samuel Elbert. | William Gibbons. |
| Francis Henry Harris. | Basil Cowper.* | Archibald Bulloch. |

Joseph Habersham, Esq., attended on this Board and took his seat. A motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed to propose some expedients for supplying the Province with arms and ammunition, and that they make their report on Friday next, which being agreed to, it was ordered that Capt. Elbert, Mr. Oliver Bowen, Mr. Edward Telfair, Mr. Joseph Habersham and Mr. Basil Cowper be a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned to Friday morning 10 o'clock.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | William Gibbons. | Joseph Habersham. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | Samuel Elbert. | Francis Henry Harris. |
| John Martin. | Basil Cowper.* | Ambrose Wright. |

John Bohun Girardeau.

Captain William Manson* presented to this Board a petition setting forth that since his arrival from Great Britain several of his indented servants had been enticed from him and enlisted into the provincial service of South Carolina, to his great loss and damage.

That a number of armed men, among whom were some of the recruits belonging to Captain Spencer, and four of his indented servants, violently attacked his house, pulled down his fence, and would have proceeded to further violence if not prevented by people in the house; that he was necessitated to take two of the above mentioned servants into custody; that conceiving his person and property to be in imminent danger, puts himself under the protection of this Board, &c.

The Board having taken the premises into consideration issued the following order.

GEORGIA.
IN THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY,
SAVANNAH, 2d January, 1776.

*To Mr. John Spencer, a recruiting officer, acting under the authority of the Council of Safety of the Province of South Carolina, and under the protection of this Board:*

It appears to this Board that you have enlisted four indented servants of Capt. Wm. Manson, who has lately brought over from England a number of tradesmen and others to settle in the frontier parts of this Province, at a very considerable expense; and, as we deem the enlisting of men in that situation not warranted by the regulations of the honorable Continental Congress, we require that you forthwith either surrender the men so enlisted, receiving back

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their enlisting money, or pay the expenses of indenting and bringing them to America.

The Board further injoins, that Mr. Spencer will use his utmost endeavours to prevent any outrage to Capt. Manson, his people, or property, or any other person in this Province, by any of his men.

Mr. Spencer declaring that he could not surrender up Capt. Manson's servants, the following order was immediately issued.

*To Lieutenants Seth John Cuthbert and William Moore:*

You are hereby ordered and required forthwith to arm and array a sufficient number of men belonging to the companies to which you respectively belong, and to rescue from Mr. John Spencer the following persons, viz:

William Budge, Francis Wallace, Thomas Purdy and John Douglass, being indented servants to Captain William Manson, and by him enlisted contrary to the regulations of the Continental Congress; which men you are to deliver to Capt. Manson.

By order of the Council of Safety.

GEO. WALTON, President.

2d January, 1776.

The committee appointed to propose expedients for supplying the Province with arms and ammunition brought in their report, which the Board proceeded to consider and came to the following resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has been resolved by the Continental Congress, that for the better furnishing these Colonies with the necessary means of defending their rights, every vessel importing gunpowder, saltpetre, sulphur, provided they bring with the sulphur four times as much saltpetre, brass field pieces or good muskets fitted with bayonets, within nine months from the date of this resolution, shall be permitted to load and export the produce of these Colonies, to the value of such powder and stores aforesaid, the non-exportation agreement notwithstanding.

*Resolved.* Therefore, that a sum of money be provided for the purpose of obtaining arms and ammunition for this Province.

*Resolved.* That Saml. Elbert, Edwd. Telfair and Joseph Habersham be a committee to agree with a proper person to undertake to supply this Province with arms and ammunition.

*Resolved,* That such person shall have power to draw on the said committee for the sum necessary to be paid for such arms and ammunition, who are empowered and required to accept the same upon the faith of the public of this Province.

*Resolved,* That the holder of any such bills may send any vessel or vessels to any port of this Province, which shall be permitted to load and carry off any produce of this Province to the amount thereof.

*Resolved,* That it be recommended to the committee to contract for the supply of 400 stand of arms, with bayonets, as nearly to the size recommended by the Continental Congress as possible, 20,000 lbs. of gunpowder, 60,000 lbs. of ball, bullets, bar lead, grape, swan and goose shot, properly proportioned.

*Resolved,* That all the military stores at the Fort of Frederica be immediately secured and lodged in some place of security.

*Resolved,* That the President be empowered to issue orders by authority of the Board to some person willing to undertake the same.

*Resolved,* That the expense attending the taking and securing such stores be paid by the public of this Province.

Adjourned to five o'clock p. m.

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At a Special Meeting of the Council of Safety, Sunday, January 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Samuel Elbert. | William Gibbons. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Ambrose Wright. | Button Gwinnett. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | Jonathan Bryan. | Francis Henry Harris. |
| Edward Telfair. | Joseph Habersham. | John Martin. |

The President informed the Board, that in consequence of information received from the secret committee, informing that two ships of war and one transport had sailed from Rebellion Road, which, there was good reason to believe, were destined to this Province, in order perhaps to plunder it of live stock, &c., or to support the merchants in the exportation of produce contrary to the Continental restraints. That in consequence of this information he looked over the list of names of the mem-

bers of the Council of Safety and found there would be difficulty in getting a Board, and fearing the public safety would be endangered by a delay, and therefore issued the following orders.

*Orders to David Zubly,* John Stirk, &c., &c.*

It is deemed necessary for the public safety, that a part of the militia should be draughted to do duty at and about the Town of Savannah. You are therefore ordered and required immediately to draught one-third of the men in your company and to march them to Savannah by 12 o'clock to-morrow, with their arms and accoutrements and lodging apparel; for which the officers and men will be paid agreeable to a resolve of Congress.

GEO. WALTON,
President of the Council of Safety.

The Board, highly approving of the conduct of the President, do resolve that the foregoing orders be valid, as if particularly directed by the Board.

Mr. Drayton represented that he was ready to make the report of his deputation to Charlestown, when the Board thought it proper to defer it till to-morrow morning.

A motion was made and seconded that officers be appointed to command the militia ordered upon duty by the President.

*Resolved,* That Samuel Elbert, Esqiure, be Colonel and Chief in Command, Stephen Drayton, Esquire, Lieutenant Colonel and Second in Command, and Joseph Habersham, Esquire, Major and Third in Command, and that the President be empowered to issue and sign commissions for them.

*Resolved,* That sufficient number of small craft be forthwith sent down to Cockspur to lighten the Ship Inverny, McKenzie, Master, now riding in the road there, in order that the ship may be brought up to Savannah.

*Resolved,* That it be given in charge to the commanding officer at Cockspur, to use his utmost endeavours to effect this purpose, and in case he shall find it impracticable and that the vessel and cargo must otherwise fall into the hands of our enemies, that then

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and not till then, in order to prevent the same, he shall have power to scuttle her.

*Resolved, also,* That it be further given in charge to the said officer to put the ship as soon under way as possible, and that he uses the utmost dispatch in bringing her and her cargo up to Savannah.

*Resolved,* That the President do commissionate Peter Bard and William O'Bryan, Gentlemen, for this purpose.

*Resolved,* That the commanding officer at Savannah, for the time being, have power to restrain any Crown officer from going without the limits of Savannah, if he should deem it expedient.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Monday, Jan. 8th, 1776.

PRESENT :

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| George Walton. | Samuel Elbert. | Button Gwinnet. |
| William Ewen, | William Gibbons. | Stephen Drayton. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | John Bohun Girardeau. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Noble Wmb. Jones. | Francis Henry Harris. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| | Jonathan Bryan. | |

A letter was presented to the Board respecting some disturbances that have lately happened between an Indian and some white people.

*Resolved, therefore,* That the President do write to the several committees bordering upon the Indian countries and direct them to apprehend any white person who shall molest or disturb any Indian amity with this Province.

Stephen Drayton and William Ewen, Esquires, deputies appointed by this Board to make a representation of the state of this Province to the Council of Safety in South Carolina, and to confer with them on the subject of exportation, having returned, attended and made their report.

*Resolved,* That no rice shall be exported from this Province after this day, until the first day of March next, except such as was shipped previous to the arrival of the prohibition by the Continental Congress, and not then, without permission by this Board.

*Resolved,* That the General Committee be required to issue and lodge in the Treasury one thousand pounds over and above the last requisition; and that it be recommended to the chairman to use his utmost endeavour to expedite the same.

*Resolved,* That Levi Sheftal* be commissary, as appointed by the President, to provide necessaries for the several companies of men that are ordered out upon duty at and about Savannah.

A petition was presented to the Board by William Panton, setting forth that he had purchased goods, &c., belonging to Kellsall & Co., together with the goods and gunpowder intended for the Indian trade, and that he desired to receive his proportion of the same; that he has a sloop now stopped by the Parochial Committee in this harbour, on board of which he has shipped a small quantity of rice, rum, salt, strands, &c., that he therefore prays that this Board will order him his proportion of the said gunpowder and permit his sloop immediately to depart with the same together with the other articles.

The Board, taking the premises into consideration, resolved that, consistent with the public safety, they could not spare him any powder and that they could not permit him to carry any produce to Florida.

Ordered that the President do inform him of the same.

*Resolved,* That the President do write to the Council of Safety in Carolina and represent the particular circumstances of the vessel and cargo lately taken and carried to Beaufort by their order; and that he request that the same may be returned to this Province; and that he pledge the faith of the Province that she shall not sail with her cargo contrary to the Laws of Congress.

*Resolved,* That the President do issue his warrant to the commanding officer at Cockspur, commanding him to take the body of Captain William Colville and bring him before this Board, or, in case of its recess, deliver him to the commanding officer in Savannah.

*Resolved,* That the President do write to the committee for the Parish of Saint John, requiring that they use the utmost vigilance in watching the motions of the pilots for the harbour of Sunbury;

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and that, in particular, they send for Captain William Lyford, and question him as to his piloting into any port in this Province any ship or vessel of war of our enemies, and that they take such steps with him, if he appears inimical to the common interest, as will be a sufficient security against his aiding our enemies.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Jan. 8th, 1776, p. m.

PRESENT :

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| George Walton. | John Martin. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Edward Telfair. | John Bohun Girardeau. |
| William Ewen. | Francis Henry Harris. | William Gibbons. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Samuel Elbert. | Ambrose Wright. |

Mr. Baker, from Saint John's Parish, presented to the Board a return and election of officers to command a company of riflemen, and recommended John Baker, Esqr., as Captain, Mr. John Bacon, Senr., as First Lieutenant, Mr. William Baker, Senr., as Second Lieutenant and Mr. Thomas Bacon as Third Lieutenant of same.

Ordered, that commissions be made out for the above gentlemen accordingly.

*Resolved,* That houses of all overseers and negroes throughout the Province, together with those on the plantations in South Carolina, bordering upon Savannah River, below Purisburgh, be forthwith searched, and all guns and ammunition (except one gun and thirteen cartridges for each overseer) which shall be found therein, shall be taken and lodged in the hands of the committee for the several Parishes and Districts.

*Ordered,* That the commanding officer at Savannah be directed to send a party of men to search the said plantations in South Carolina and to have the guns and ammunition, which they shall find and take therein, lodged in the public store in Savannah.

*Resolved,* That the President do write to the Council of Safety in South Carolina, and represent the necessity that obliged this Board to order their plantations to be searched.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Jan. 9th, 1776.

PRESENT :

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| George Walton. | John Martin. | William Ewen. |
| William Gibbons. | Stephen Drayton. | Joseph Habersham. |
| Noble Wimb. Jones. | Archibald Bulloch. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Edwd. Telfair. | Jonathan Bryan. | |

A motion was made and seconded that the letters from the Continental Delegates be read, which was ordered accordingly.

Wm. Baker, one of the officers of Saint John's Rifle Men, represented to the Board that many of the men were in want of powder and therefore applied for same. Ordered that 25 lb. wt. be delivered unto him.

The following resolves of the Continental Congress were received enclosed in the letters from our delegates.

IN CONGRESS, Octo. 6th, 1775.

On motion made:

*Resolved,* That it be recommended to the several Provincial Assemblies or Conventions and Councils or Committees of Safety, to arrest and secure every person in their respective Colonies, whose going at large may in their opinion endanger the safety of the Colony or the liberties of America.

A true copy from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMAS, Sec.

IN CONGRESS, Thursday, 26th, 1775.

*Resolved,* That it be recommended to the several Provincial Assemblies, Conventions or Councils of Safety of the United Colonies, to export to the foreign West Indies, on account of risque of their respective Colonies, as much provision or any other produce except horned cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, as they may deem necessary for the importation of arms, ammunition, sulphur and saltpetre.

*Ordered,* That a copy of the above be transmitted by the Delegates to their respective Assemblies, Conventions or Committees of Safety.

A true copy.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secy.

The President having informed the Board that, from the accounts received, informing that ships of war were destined to this coast, he had issued orders to remove the cannon from the Island of Cockspur.

*Resolved,* That this Board do approve of the said orders, and that the President do issue further orders for collecting and cleaning the cannon in and about the Town of Savannah, and that the commanding officer be appointed to do the same.

Mr. John Elliott, from the Parish of Saint John, presented to the Board a return of an election of officers for a company of Rangers, and recommended James Scriven, Esqr., as Capt., Mr. Dan'l Roberts as First Lieutenant, Mr. John Scriven as Second Lieutenant, and Mr. John Elliott as Third Lieutenant. Ordered that commissions be made out accordingly.

[Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Henry Laurens, Esqr., President of the Council of Safety for South Carolina, to Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., dated 2nd January, 1776.]

But, Sir, my principal business at present, for otherwise I should not have troubled you before Mr. Drayton's return, is to inform you that the Tamar, Cherokee, Sandwich Packet and an Armed Schooner made sail this morning in Rebellion Road and attempted to go over the bar, but the wind failing they are all come to anchor again, From undoubted intelligence we learn they are intended for your river in order to obtain provisions (of bread particularly) which, since the practice of harbouring and protecting our negroes on board the Cherokee, we have refused to supply them with. Perhaps, too, there may be a concerted plan between the two Great Men for covering the loading of all the ships, which now are and which may come into your river, for overawing the friends of liberty and for giving energy to the projects of our enemies, in award for every mischievous and no good purpose towards the former. These will receive the warning, enquire what quantity of bread and flour, beef and pork is in the Town and act a part, we hope, that will do them honor,

I have the honor, &c.,

HENRY LAURENS.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Friday, January 12th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Edward Telfair. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Samuel Elbert. | Joseph Habersham. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| Stephen Drayton. | John Martin. | William Ewen. |
| | William Gibbons. | |

The President laid before the Board a letter from Luke Mann, Esquire, which, among other things, informed of the election of officers for a company of men in the Upper District of Saint Philip, and recommended Luke Mann as Captain, Israel Bird, First Lieutenant, Frederic Rester, Second Lieutenant, and Joshua Stafford, Third Lieutenant. Ordered that commissions be made out and sent to them accordingly.

Capt. James Goldwire and Lieutenant Richard Scruggs attended the Board and represented that they had received the orders of the President, commanding Capt. Goldwire to make a draught of one third of the company and to march them down to Savannah; that in consequence of these orders, they draughted one third of the company and assembled them and ordered them forthwith to march to Savannah, and that not only every man draughted, but every man in the whole company, except William King, absolutely refused obeying the said orders, whereby they could not comply with them.

They also represented that they had often heard James Pace, tavern keeper, and John Hall, planter, declare that they were King's men, and that all the men in the Congress and Council of Safety were Rebels; and that they would oppose all their measures and that they were welcome to try it when they pleased. They further observed that James Pace and John Hall excited the men of the said company to disobedience by their means and prevented some of them from coming to town and that they were of opinion that unless some immediate steps

are taken they will certainly do great harm to the public, and they also considered themselves in personal danger from the said James Pace and John Hall, if they were suffered to go at large; therefore,

*Resolved,* That James Pace, of the Parish of Saint Matthew, tavern keeper, and John Hall, of the same place, are inimical to the liberties of America; and that the public safety is endangered by their going at large.

*Resolved, therefore,* That Colonel Drayton be appointed to command the militia of the Parishes of Saint Matthew, Saint George and Saint Paul; and that as soon as he can assemble a sufficient force, he shall arrest and take the said James Pace and John Hall and bring them to Savannah; and that he shall suppress and disperse by force all and every person who shall appear in arms in opposition to the measures of Congress, or who shall declare against the liberties of America.

*Resolved,* That Edwd. Telfair, Esquire, be appointed to go with and to aid and assist Colonel Drayton in the measures necessary to be pursued in order to the execution of the foregoing resolutions.

*Resolved,* That all the officers and men in the Parishes aforesaid are bound to pay obedience to the orders which may be issued by Colonel Drayton, and that neglect or disobedience shall be punished agreeable to the Regulations of Congress.

*Resolved,* That the militia shall be paid at the rates that were allowed to the militia called out to suppress the insurgents in South Carolina, and that they draw rations in the same manner while employed in this service.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Jan. 13th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Edwd. Telfair. | John Martin. |
| Noble Wimb. Jones. | Ambrose Wright. | William Gibbons. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | Basil Cowper.* | Stephen Drayton. |
| Samuel Elbert. | William Ewen. | John Smith. |

A motion was made and seconded, that a committee be appointed to wait on the Reverend Mr. Piercy, to request him to preach a sermon on Monday the 22d instant, at the opening of the Congress.

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Ordered, that Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., and Colonel Elbert be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Bulloch, applied to the Board in behalf of the inhabitants of the Sea Islands for leave to form a separate and distinct company; Resolved, that they have leave so to do.

Ordered that they meet at Skidaway Landing on the Island of Skidaway on Friday the 19th of this instant to elect officers to command the said company agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

The President sent a letter to the Council of Safety for South Carolina, informing them of the arrival of the Tamar off Tybee Light house and that the other vessels were in the Offing, and had fired several guns, but whether from the haziness of the weather, or their being in distress, we could not be certain.

Adjourned till Monday morning.

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At a Council of Safety at Mrs. Tondee's, January 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | William Ewen. | Edward Telfair. |
| Stephen Drayton. | Francis Harris. | Basil Cowper.* |
| Samuel Elbert. | Ambrose Wright. | Joseph Habersham. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | John Smith. | William Gibbons. |

WHEREAS, It appears to the Board, that the inhabitants of the District of Great Ogeeche, in the Parish of Saint Matthew, were prevented from proceeding to the election of a Delegate to represent them in the next Congress by being obliged to obey the orders of this Board in draughting a third of them to come to Savannah, the Board, therefore, and in order that the said inhabitants may be represented, do hereby require the said inhabitants to proceed to the election and delegation of a person to represent them in the next Congress, the twelfth day of this instant being elapsed notwithstanding.

*Royalist.

*Resolved,* That it shall be considered as an offense in any person, who shall idly fire a gun in the Town or Common of Savannah; and the commanding officer for the day shall have power to take the arms of any such person and detain them until he shall be assured that such person will not repeat the like offense.

*Resolved,* That Col. Drayton recommend it to the Committee for the Parish of St. Matthew to advertise a meeting of the inhabitants resident near Tuckisaw-Kings, being within the District of Capt. Goldwire's company of Militia, and to require them to proceed to the election and delegation of a fit person to represent them in the next Congress.

Ordered, that Capts. Howell and Chisolm do attend Col. Drayton on the expedition to the Back Country with the detachments under their command.

John Houstoun, Esqr., attended on the Board, and took his seat.

WHEREAS, The inhabitants of the Lower District in the Parish of Saint Philip have not applied to this Board for commissions for any officers to command them. These are, therefore, to order and require the said inhabitants to proceed to the election of one Captain and three Lieutenants for that purpose.

A motion was made, seconded and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to examine the printer's office, to see whether there was not something to be published this week, that might endanger the public safety.

Ordered, that Major Habersham and Capt. Harris be that committee.

Capt. Wells presented to the Board an account against the public for moving a quantity of ammunition from Savannah to Ebenezer, and for removing Capt. McKenzie's ship from the Road of Cockspur to Savannah, and the expense attending the same amounting in the whole to £16, 10s, 9d, which passed and was ordered to be paid.

*Resolved,* That the Militia now upon duty be paid the sum of one shilling and six pence p. diem to each man.

At a special meeting of the Council of Safety Jan. 16th, 1776, p. m.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Basil Cowper.* | William Ewen. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | Ambrose Wright. | Joseph Habersham. |
| John Houstoun. | Samuel Elbert. | Francis Harris. |

*Resolved,* That the President issue orders to Joseph Rice, that he immediately go down to Capt. Stirk, in the schooner on Provincial service, now on her way to Savannah, and that he take with him the Riflemen from Saint John's, and that when on board they act in obedience to the directions of Capt. Stirk.

Ordered, that Col. Elbert be made acquainted with the foregoing Resolution and that he be desired to send an officer with a detachment of men to keep a lookout at Causton's Bluff, and to give the earliest information to this Board, of any boats which may be sent from the men of war.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety Jan. 18th, 1776, p. m.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Archibald Bulloch. | Samuel Elbert. |
| Joseph Habersham. | Ambrose Wright. | William Ewen. |
| John Martin. | John Houstoun. | Francis Harris. |

*Resolved,* That the persons of his Excellency, Sir James Wright, Baronet, and of John Mulryne, Josiah Tattnall and Anthony Stokes, Esqrs., be forthwith arrested and secured and that all non-associates be forthwith disarmed, except those, who will give their parole, assuring that they will not aid, assist or comfort any of the persons on board his Majesty's ships of war, or take up arms against America in the present unhappy dispute.

*Resolved,* That the commanding officer do secure the Governor, and Council till further orders from this Board.

ORDERS.

*To Col. Drayton and Edwd. Telfair, Esqr.*

You are hereby required forthwith to order a draught of at least one-third of the Militia within the Parishes over which we

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have delegated to you our power; and to have them immediately marched to Savannah, together with every other person, who may choose to come down as a volunteer and that you inform the persons so draughted and voluntarily coming down, they shall be paid the sum of one shilling and six pence to each for every day, in which they shall be employed on this service. These orders are not directly to militate with your expedition, but we particularly recommend it to you, to finish the business of that as soon as possible.

By Order of the Council of Safety.
GEO. WALTON, President.

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At a special meeting of the Council of Safety Jan. 18th, at 11 o'clock at night, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Noble Wimb. Jones. | Ambrose Wright. |
| Wm. Gibbons. | Francis Henry Harris. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| Basil Cowper.* | Saml. Elbert. | John Houstoun. |
| | Joseph Habersham. | |

*Resolved,* That the Members of his Majesty's Council be permitted to go to their respective homes upon their parole assuring that they will attend his Excellency the Governor's house, at nine o'clock to-morrow morning and there consider themselves as in their present condition, and upon his Excellency the Governor, giving assurance to Major Habersham, that the peace of the town shall not be disturbed by any persons from the ships of war.

Ordered, that Mr. Cooper and Dr. Jones attend Major Habersham to his Excellency the Governor, with the foregoing resolution.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Jan. 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Geo. Walton. | Joseph Habersham. | Sam'l Elbert. |
| Francis Harris. | Ambrose Wright. | John Girardeau. |
| Noble Wimbl. Jones. | Archibald Bulloch. | William Ewen. |
| Basil Cowper.* | Wm. Gibbons. | John Houstoun. |
| | John Smith. | |

*Afterwards a Royalist.

*Resolved,* That his Excellency Sir James Wright, Baronet, his Majesty's Council, and the Crown Officers in general, be enjoined upon their parole of honor not to go out of the Town, or hold any correspondence with any of the officers or others on board the ships of war now at Tybee, without permission of this Board, and that should either or any of them refuse to give such parole, such person or persons shall immediately be arrested and confined under guard.

*Resolved,* That John Mulryne and Josiah Tattnall, Esquires, arrested by order of this Board, be also enjoined, upon their parole of honor, to the like effect.

*Resolved,* That in case any ships or boats of war should appear, or land in or near Town, before the resolution of Congress in regard to the said ships of war can be entered into, and published, that then the persons aforesaid shall be immediately removed to and confined in the country.

Ordered, that Mr. Smith and Mr. Gibbons do wait on them with a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Jan. 19th, 1776, p. m.

PRESENT:

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| George Walton. | Noble Wimb. Jones. | William Ewen. |
| Samuel Elbert. | John Smith. | Francis Henry Harris. |
| Basil Cowper.* | John Houstoun. | William Gibbons. |
| | John Bohun Girardeau. | |

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gibbons reported that they had served his Excellency the Governor and his Majesty's Council with the Resolution entered into this morning, and that they requested to furnish them with a copy thereof, which accordingly they did.

Capt. Harris informed the Board that in pursuance of a Resolution of the same, he had arrested and had now in custody the body of John Mulryne, Esqr., whereupon Mr. Cowper and Mr. Girardeau were ordered to require his parole of honor, which he pledged in the following manner: That he will not aid, assist or comfort the

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officers or others on board his Majesty's ships of war, now in this Province, by holding any intercourse or correspondence with them; that he will not supply them with any provisions whatsoever, and that he will not take up arms against America on the present unhappy contest with the mother country.

Ordered, that Capt. Harris serve Col. Mulryne with a copy of the above; which he having done the Colonel assured him, on his honor, that he would strictly abide by the same.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Feb. 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Archibald Bulloch. | William LeConte. | Edward Telfair. |
| Ambrose Wright. | William O'Brien. | George Walton. |
| Joseph Clay. | William Ewen. | John Girardeau. |
| | Benjamin Andrew. | |

The Council proceeded to the election of a President, when Elisha Butler, Esqr., was found to be unanimously elected.

Ordered, that the Secretary do immediately write to him, to require his attendance accordingly.

Mr. William Ewen took the chair pro tempore in the room of Elisha Butler, Esq.

Messrs. Joseph Clay and John Smith declined taking their seats.

*Resolved,* That Mr. Archibald Bulloch, Mr. George Walton and Mr. William LeConte be appointed a committee to enquire into the cause of the discontent among the Country Militia now in Town.

Mr. John Martin and Mr. John Stirk were elected members of this Board, in the room of Messrs. Clay and Smith.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Feb. 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Wm. Ewen, Prest. | John Martin. | Archibald Bulloch. |
| John Girardeau. | Benjamin Andrew. | Wm. LeConte. |
| George Walton. | William O'Brien. | John Houstoun. |
| Ambrose Wright. | John Stirk. | |

The Hon. James Edward Powell, Esqr., attended on this Board, and delivered two letters from Capt. Barclay and Gov. Wright, which are as follows:

SCARBOROUGH AT COCKSPUR, Feb. 19th, 1776.

SIR:—Yesterday I received yours enclosing a letter from the Congress to the gentlemen of the Council in answer to what I wrote them, and desired might be communicated to the Congress and people in general. This letter I cannot consider as an answer to mine, as they have not taken any notice of the most serious part, with respect to themselves and the Province; but if they will not be their own friends, the Province will blame them and not me, who thro' friendship put it in their power to be happy.

Inclosed you have a letter received from Capt. Barclay in consequence of one wrote him by direction of the Congress, the contents of which you will be pleased to acquaint them with, and I am surprised they should suppose he could or would accept the proposition. I am, with perfect esteem, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

(Signed) J. WRIGHT.

Hble. J. E. Powell, Esqr.

SCARBOROUGH, Feb. 19th, 1776.

SIR:—Having represented to your Excellency upon my arrival here, that I was very desirous of having a free intercourse between his Majesty's ships under my command and the Town of Savannah, and desiring at the same time, I might be supplied with provisions and other necessaries, by paying the market price for the same, which I had great reason to expect in any part of his Majesty's dominions.

I beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that I have received a letter from Savannah signed by Archibald Bulloch, a copy of which I herewith enclose you, and the manner of intercourse mentioned therein between the Town and King's ships, I can by no means accept of.

I beg your Excellency will make the Town acquainted therewith.

I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient humble servant.

(Signed) AND. BARCLAY.

His Excellency Sir James Wright.

*Resolved*, That Captains Martin and Stirk be a committee to examine the public accounts, and that they receive no accounts otherwise than upon oath.

The Hon. Rawlins Lowndes, Col. Parsons and Thomas Savage, Esqr., from the Congress for South Carolina, waited on this Board and laid before it the following resolve, recommending a similar one to be adopted by this Province:

SOUTH CAROLINA, in Congress, 14 Feby., 1776.

WHEREAS, The Continental Congress, on the 1st day of November last, prohibited exportation from the United Colonies until the 1st day of March next; and,

WHEREAS, By reason of the distance of several of those Colonies from Philadelphia, the Resolution of the said Congress, relative to exportation after that day, may not be known for some time; and it may be injurious to the common cause of America if exportation should be permitted in any Colony, before such Resolution shall be known there.

*Resolved*, That the said prohibition shall continue and be of force in this Colony until the 1st day of May next, unless an authentic account of the determination of the Continental Congress relative to exportation after the said 1st day of March, shall be sooner received and published by the Council of Safety.

A true copy.

PETER TIMOTHY, *Secretary.*

Ordered, that the consideration of extending the Resolution of the Continental Congress in such manner as recommended be deferred till to-morrow morning.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety Feb. 22d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| William Ewen. | John Houstoun. | John Girardeau. |
| William LeConte. | Edward Telfair. | John Stirk. |
| George Walton. | Archibald Bulloch. | John Wereat. |
| Wm. O'Brien. | John Martin. | |

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Board proceeded to consider the propriety of extending the Resolution of

the Continental Congress in a similar manner to that of South Carolina.

Ordered, that it be further postponed till to-morrow morning.

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[Recd., Savannah, 25th October, 1775, of William Ewen, Esqr., President of the Council of Safety, the sum of six hundred and sixty-seven pounds, str., which we promise to be accountable for to the Council of Safety when thereunto required.

PHILIP BOX.
WM. GIBBONS.

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(The above in brackets appears on a page in the minutes of the Council of Safety just at this point, and is here given as in the original manuscript).

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At a meeting of Council of Safety, the 30th day of April, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Wereat. Benjamin Andrew. George Walton.
John Girardeau. Samuel Saltus. Jonathan Bryan.
Daniel Roberts.

*Resolved,* That the following address be presented to his Excellency the President, and that Messrs. Wereat and Roberts do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the same.

GEORGIA:

*To His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia:*

THE ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY FOR THE SAID PROVINCE.

*May it please your Excellency*:

The long session of the late Congress, together with the season of the year, called particularly for a speedy recess, and the House having adjourned while you was out of town, it becomes more particularly necessary for us to address your Excellency: We therefore, with unfeigned confidence and regard, beg leave to congratulate not only your Excellency on your appointment to, but your country on your acceptance of the supreme command in this Province.

It would be needless and tedious to recount the various and yet multiplying oppressions which have driven the people of this Province to erect that Government, which they have called upon you to see executed: Suffice it then to declare that it was the only alternative of anarchy and misery, and by consequence the effect of dire necessity.

Your Excellency well knows that it was the endeavor of the Congress to stop every avenue of vice and oppression, lest the infant virtue of a still more infant Province might in time rankle into corruption: And we doubt not but that by your Excellency's exertions, all the resolutions made, or adopted by Congress will be enforced with firmness, without regard to any individual, or any set of men; for no Government can be said to be established, while any part of the community refuse submission to its authority.

In the discharge of this arduous and important task, your Excellency may rely on our constant and best endeavors to assist and support you.

Messrs. John Wereat and Dan'l. Roberts waited on the President, who informed them that he would be ready to receive their address on to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, 1st May, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Jonathan Bryan. | John Houstoun. | John Wereat. |
| Sam'l Saltus. | George Walton. | Dan'l Roberts. |
| Benjn. Andrew. | John Girardeau. | |

The Board waited on his Excellency the President with their Address, to which he was pleased to give the following answer:

*To the Honorable the Members of the Council of Safety of the Province of Georgia.*

*Honorable Gentlemen:*

I am much obliged to you for your kind expressions of congratulation on my appointment to the supreme command of this Colony. When I reflect from whence the appointment is derived, that of the free and uncorrupt suffrages of my fellow-citizens, it cannot fail to stimulate me to the most vigorous exertions in the discharge of the important duties to which I am called, by the late wise and salutary regulations adopted by our Provincial Congress.

While I have the advice and assistance of gentlemen of known integrity and abilities, I doubt not but I shall be enabled to enforce and carry into execution every resolve and law of Congress; and, as far as lies with me, my country may depend I will, with a becoming firmness and the greatest impartiality, always endeavor to cause justice in mercy to be executed.

ARCHD. BULLOCH.

His excellency the President waited on the Board and took the chair.

GEORGIA:

*By his Excellency the President in the Council of Safety.*

*To the Treasurers:*

Pay George Walton, Esqr., for the use of the First Troop of Horse the sum of fifty pounds sterling, out of any monies of the General Fund. (Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Ordered, that Mr. Charles Middleton be immediately commissionated as Second Lieutenant of the First Troop of Horse.

Ordered, that the causeway at Great Ogeeche Ferry be forthwith repaired, and that the Governor's negroes be employed for that purpose, and that James Maxwell and Fowler Brisbane, Esqr., be appointed Commissioners to superintend the same.

Ordered, that Hepworth Carter be commissionated as Third Lieutenant of the Saint John's Rangers.

Ordered, that the sum of fifty pounds be borrowed from the Colony Fund, and lent to the fund ordered for the supply of the Troops of Horse until bills can be emitted.

Ordered, that permission be granted to John Graham, Esqr., to depart the Province with his family, with necessary servants and provisions for the voyage, leaving his property behind him for the security of his creditors, and he has leave to return.

That Thomas Tallemack also be permitted to depart the Province, giving security in the sum of one hundred pounds against any claims which may be brought against him.

GEORGIA:

*By his Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief of the Colony aforesaid, in the Honorable the Council of Safety.*

*To the Hon. Major Walton:*

SIR:—It has been represented to me in Council that there are many disaffected persons possessed of and are now building and erecting divers forts and fortifications, without any leave or authority for the same. You are, therefore, requested and empowered as well to make the necessary inquiry with respect to the premises, as in general to inquire into the state of the frontier part of this Province, and to make report of the same to me.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Like orders were also sent to Col. Robert Rae, Chairman of the Committee for the Town and District of Augusta.

The inhabitants of the Town and District of Augusta having applied to me, by their Committee, for a new election of Delegates to serve in Provincial Congress, and being willing to do all in my power to quiet and content the minds of the people, do hereby, with the advice of the Honorable the Council of Safety, order and direct that the inhabitants of said Town and District do proceed to a new election of Delegates in manner as is directed by Resolutions of Congress.

Ordered, that two hundred weight of gunpowder and four hundred weight of lead be delivered to Col. Wells, for the use of the Town and District of Augusta.

N. B.—G. P. deliv'd y's ord'd to a boatman, w'ch he lost, and ye ammunition was never received.

John Glen,* Esqr., waited on the Board and qualified as Chief Justice of this Province.

William Stephen,* Esqr., also qualified as Attorney-General.

James Jackson, likewise qualified as Clerk of the Court of Sessions.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, May 2d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Archb. Bulloch, Prest. | Daniel Roberts. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| Willm. Le Conte. | John Houstoun. | Samuel Saltus. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Wereat. | Jonathan Bryan. |

Mr. John Simpson having applied to the Board for leave to depart the Province, it was granted him.

Ordered, that the Council of Safety do meet on the second and last Tuesday of every month.

Ordered, that Daniel Roberts, Esqr., and Willm. Le Conte be a committee to examine what dry goods are now in the Town of Savannah.

Col. Elbert made application for an order to procure such arms, bayonets and gun locks as may be in charge of Capt. Jacob Walthour at Ebenezer, for the use of the Battalion, which was granted.

Ordered, that John Graham do give a bond of 10,000 as security to the public on his departure from the Province.

Mr. Murry also is permitted to depart the Province on the same terms.

*Afterwards a Royalist.

Ordered, that twenty pounds be advanced to Capt. Brown, to enable him to enlist more men for the service of the Scout Boat.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia, in Council:*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The honorable Continental Congress have among other things, *Resolved,* that the Venders of dry goods ought not to take advantage of the scarcity that might be occasioned by the non-importation agreement under pain of being declared inimical to the liberties of America. And, whereas, the Provincial Congress have, *Resolved,* that whoever shall depreciate the Currency of this Province, shall forfeit all right to protection from the said Congress, or any authority acting under it; and,

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to me in Council, that several persons in the Province do, notwithstanding the above Resolutions, sell their goods at a most exorbitant price, to the great prejudice of the inhabitants of this Province, especially the poor. I have therefore thought fit, with the advice and consent of the Council aforesaid, to issue this my proclamation, notifying to all persons, whom it doth or may concern, that if they persist in their unwarrantable proceedings, they will be subject to the pains and penalties annexed to the foregoing Resolutions and their names published accordingly.

(Signed) ARCD. BULLOCH.

Ordered, that orders be forthwith issued to elect members to sit in Congress for such Parishes and Districts, as may be unrepresented, by the appointment of their members to places of profit, etc: And that on Monday seven night they proceed to the election of Parochial Committees as well as such members.

Ordered, that a letter be wrote to Mr. Rae to recall the orders for a new election in the Town and District of Augusta, alledging the reasons why the present members must be still continued.

Capt. Ellijah Steel made application for payment of the rum taken from him in February last, and in con-

sideration of the low price of the same, it was agreed he should be paid in Continental Currency.

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At a Council of Safety the 14th day of May, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Wm. LeConte. | George McIntosh. |
| Benj. Andrew. | John Baker. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Wereat. | John Adam Treutlen. |

Received and read letters from Messrs. John and George Walton, with an inclosed deposition of John McCormick, that Harry Stewart had arrived at Toquah Town on the 26th April last, with twenty horse-load of ammunition as presents for the Cherokees; that they had lost four Indians of their party, together with a considerable quantity of their ammunition in an engagement (on their march) with some of the Western tribes of Indians.

This deponent further observed that just before he left the Nation, a party of Cherokees returned from Wataga, or some other of the back settlements of Virginians that are nearest them, and say they have killed eight white persons, and that they intend to continue killing until they drive them quite off the land. And this deponent further saith that the Indians had a war dance 'round the scalps before he left the Nation.

Read also an intercepted letter of Andrew McLean from Alexander Cameron, which letter was laid before the Committee at Augusta, who not being satisfied with Mr. McLean for carrying on a correspondence with the professed enemies of our country, ordered him to appear before his Excellency and this Board, which he promised to perform on or before Tuesday next. Mr. John Walton also informs of the murder of an Indian by one Few and a party of men under his command.

Ordered, that Mr. Yorke and Mr. Sykes, two gentlemen from Philadelphia, be permitted to pass to Cockspur and to return.

Capt. Wm. McIntosh having informed his Excellency that Messrs. Wrights have a strong fort at their plantation, with twenty white men and all their slaves armed, and also a considerable quantity of provision and ammunition.

That Mr. Martin Jollie, upon St. Mary's River, keeps a magazine of provisions to supply our enemies, and that he was creditably informed that he had sixteen barrels of gunpowder now in his possession, and was lately appointed Colonel of all the troops he can raise between St. John's and Mary's; that there were also a number of vessels in the River St. Mary's that might be easily taken, if there are no men-of-war there to protect them;

That it will be necessary to build a log house, or puncheon fort, wherever it may be thought proper to station a detachment of the First Troop of Horse on the Altamaha, which place Capt. McIntosh will point out—the same likewise to be done on St. Mary's;

That one Anderson had a great stock of cattle in East Florida, that he thought it requisite that orders should be immediately issued to the said Anderson to remove his stock into this Province;

That if a boat was stationed at Gaskins it will answer the purpose of a stationed boat.

GEORGIA:

*By his Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief of said Province.*

*To Capt. William McIntosh:*

You are hereby ordered and required to go with the Troop of Horse under your command and take the fort now in possession of Germain and Charles Wright, and to disarm and take all the white men you may find there; and also all negroes with arms, and secure

them till further orders, together with all provisions, arms and ammunition.

You are then to proceed to St. Mary's, or wherever else you may deem it necessary in any part of East Florida, and particularly to apprehend and bring to Savannah the body of Martin Jollie, after securing the provisions he now has in his magazine, and all the gun powder, arms and ammunition he may have in his possession; and likewise to apprehend and send to Savannah any other persons whose going at large may endanger the liberties of America. And, further, if you find it practicable, you may take such vessels as are now lying in St. Mary's River, and do such other things as may appear to you necessary for the good of public service.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Ordered that one hundred weight of gunpowder and four hundred weight of ball be delivered to Capt. William McIntosh.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, the 15th day of May, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Girardeau. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| George McIntosh. | Jonathan Bryan. | John Cochrane. |
| John Adam Treutlen, | John Wereat. | Col. Baker. |
| | Willm. Le Conte. | |

Mr. Thomas Ried presented a petition to the Board, respecting the indigo taken in the river by Capt. Brown.

Ordered, that it be referred to the consideration of the Congress.

Read a letter from Mr. Galphin directed to Mr. John Wereat, proposing that he would go to the northward with some of the principal men of the Creeks and Cherokees in order to keep the Indians peaceable, etc.

Ordered, that a letter be sent to Mr. Galphin, alledging such reasons for his not going at present, as may be satisfactory to him, and that orders be issued to the Captains of the two Troops of Horse, that they exert their utmost endeavors to prevent the murder of any

Indians in the Back Country, and that they use their utmost efforts to apprehend the man, who lately killed the Indian.

Ordered, that commissions be made out for John Hardy as Captain of the Artillery Company at Sunbury, and Nathaniel Saxton as Captain of the Volunteer Company of Militia at Sunbury.

Ordered, that commissions be made out for Peter Shand, as Captain, James Roberts, First Lieutenant and Theophilus Lunday as Second Lieutenant of a Volunteer Company of Militia in the Parish of Saint George.

Mr. James Hovenden presented his account to this Board, amounting to £8, 0, 0, sterling, which was passed and ordered payment.

Mrs. Agnes Rambsay petitioned for leave to depart the Province in Capt. George Wardell's Brig, which was granted her.

Ordered, that a rowingboat, cockswain and six men be forthwith procured for the service of the public.

Ordered that the Militia now doing duty at Ebenezer be discharged.

Ordered, that the Secretary do forthwith write to the several Parishes and Districts within this Province, in order to convene the Congress on the first Tuesday in June next.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Arch. Bulloch, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the said Province:*

WHEREAS, The season of the year particularly rendered it necessary for the late Congress to be adjourned, that the country members might have an opportunity of finishing their planting business and settling their other domestic concerns; and in consequence thereof, sundry affairs of great importance to the public were postponed to future consideration.

I have, therefore, thought fit by and with the advice of the honorable the Council to summon the members of the said Congress at Savannah, on Tuesday the fourth day of June next, in or-

der to proceed to finish the said business, and to dispatch such other matters, as may appear requisite for the preservation and maintenance of the peace, welfare and security of the Province.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, May 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Cochrane. | John Wereat. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Colonel Baker. | William Le Conte. |
| John Girardeau. | Benjamin Andrew. | George McIntosh. |
| | Jonathan Bryan. | |

Capt. Phoenix presented a petition to the Board requesting that he might be appointed Adjutant to one of the Battalions of Militia:

Ordered that it be referred to the field officers.

Mr. Andrew McLean made application for permission to go down to Cockspur: which being considered, it was refused.

ORDERS TO CAPTAIN WM. M'INTOSH.

SIR:—You are hereby ordered and required to build a log house, or puncheon fort, on the place, where you find it necessary to station a detachment of Horse under your command on the Altamaha River, and likewise to do the same at the most convenient place on Saint Mary's. And you are further required to remove the stock belonging to one Anderson from East Florida into this Province, and in like manner to remove all the stock of such persons as reside among us—and to see that a boat be stationed at Gaskins. And as there has been information made of the murder of an Indian by one Few, and a party of men under his command, you are therefore ordered to use your utmost efforts to apprehend the said Few and to bring him to Savannah, and at all times to do whatever may be in your power, to prevent the murder of any Indians in the Back Country.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

ORDERS TO CAPTAIN LEONARD MARBURY.

SIR:—Whereas information has been received that one Few, and a company under his command, have killed an Indian and several accounts received respecting the Indians are very unfavorable, you are therefore ordered and required to use your utmost efforts to

prevent the murder of any Indians in the Back Country and to apprehend the said Few, or any person that may be guilty of the above mentioned murder, or who may in any wise disturb the peace, or render himself obnoxious to the friends of liberty in the Back Country.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Messrs. John Baker, George McIntosh, Jonathan Bryan, John Girardeau, William Le Conte, Benjamin Andrew, Jonathan Cochrane and Adam Treutlen took the following oath as Justices of the Quorum:

I, A B, do swear, that as a Justice of the Peace for..... I will faithfully and impartially do equal right to the poor and to the rich, to the utmost of my power and ability. And that I will take nothing for my office of Justice of the Peace, but what is allowed by the laws of the Province; and I will not direct, nor cause to be directed any warrant, or precept (by me to be made) to the parties, but I will direct them to a lawful Constable or Constables to do execution thereof; and I will endeavor at all times to preserve the public peace, and maintain the Constitutional Authority of this Country, as established by Congress.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, 17th May, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | John Wereat. |
| John Girardeau. | Benj. Andrew. | John Adam Treutlen. |
| Jonathan Cochrane. | George McIntosh. | |

Mr. Andrew McLean waited on the Board and assured the Board, on his word of honor, that the letter sent by the Committee at Augusta was the very last he ever received from Mr. Alexander Cameron, and that since he signed the Association he never has kept up any correspondence with him, or Mr. John Stewart, or any other professed enemy to America.

Mr. John Hill presented a petition from the inhabitants of the Ceded Lands, requesting that another Troop of Horse might be raised for the defense of the back settlement.

Ordered, that it be referred to the consideration of the Congress.

At a meeting of the Council May 23d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | John Wereat. |
| Samuel Saltus. | James Scriven. | John Girardeau. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | John Houstoun. | Jonathan Cochrane. |

Mr. James Robertson and Mr. William Stephens laid before the Board a petition from James Butler and Margaret Crocker, which being read and considered it was ordered to be referred to the Congress.

Read a letter from the Chief Justice, John Glen, Esqr., requesting that some person or persons may be appointed to procure the jury box now at Ebenezer, and also that the Court House might be cleaned and repaired, in order the Court of General Sessions may be held there.

Ordered that Mr. John Wereat and Mr. James Jackson do repair forthwith to Ebenezer for the said jury box, and that the Provost Marshal be directed to put the Court House in order.

Messrs. Samuel Saltus, James Scriven and Adam Fowler Brisbane took the oath appointed, as Justices of the Quorum.

Ordered, that orders be forthwith issued to Capt. Hardy to employ men and boats and to draught as many of the Militia as may be necessary in order to assist them in bringing the cannon, etc from Frederica.

Andrew Elton Wells waited on the Board and took the oath appointed, as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of St. Philip; and also delivered in sundry accounts which were ordered to be referred to the Congress.

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At a meeting of the Council 28th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Daniel Roberts. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Samuel Saltus. | John Wereat. |
| James Scriven. | Fowler Brisbane. | |

Mr. Daniel Roberts took his oath as one of the Justices of the Quorum.

Capt. Lee laid before the Board his account current, by which it appeared there is a balance of £158, 17s. 8¾d. due to him, but as there is no money at present in the treasury, it was agreed that the President should advance to him part of the same, till the meeting of Congress.

Information being made that a quantity of goods belonging to Mr. Robert Smith is now on board Captain Inglis, ordered that it be referred to the Parochial Committee to secure the said goods for the use of the people of this Province.

Mrs. Sybilla Neidlinger laid her account before the Board, amounting in the whole to £30, 3s., 0d.

Ordered, that his Excellency the President do discharge the same.

Ordered, that letters be wrote to the several Parochial Committees throughout the Province, ordering them to collect the fines from non-associates.

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At a meeting of the Council May 29th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Daniel Roberts. Samuel Saltus.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. John Wereat. John Girardeau.
James Scriven.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board the following receipts, viz.:

Rec'd, Savannah, 23d May, 1776, of his Excellency the President, nine hundred pounds sterling, for the use of the Georgia Battalion.
£900. JOSEPH HABERSHAM, *Major.*

Rec'd May 23d, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, on account of the public, three pounds, for my husband's wages.

SARAH KIRK.

Rec'd May 28th, 1776, of his Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., five pounds on account of the public, in part of my husband's wages.

℘ ELIZB. LANGFORD.

Rec'd May 23d, 1776, of his Excellency Archibd. Bulloch, Esqr., the sum of eight pounds, on account of my husband, John Brown.

℘ FRANCES BROWN.

Rec'd May 29th, 1776, of his Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., the sum of three pounds, ten shillings, for George Richardson, riding expenses.

℘ FREDERICK ROSSBERGH.

Ordered, that Mr. Ambrose Wright do deliver to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion forty blankets for the use of the men.

Whereas it is necessary that the Court House should be repaired and cleaned, that the Court of Session may be held there, ordered, therefore, that the Guard be moved from the said Court House to Mr. Hume's house, the late Attorney General, or any other house that may be agreeable to the gentlemen of the Battalion.

FORM OF AN OATH FOR CONSTABLES.

You shall well and truly serve in the office of Constable for the Parish of..... .....for the year ensuing, or until you shall be lawfully discharged therefrom, or until another shall be sworn in your place, you shall also well and truly do and execute all things belonging to the said office, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, and at all times do your utmost to support the Constitutional Authority of this Province, as established by Congress. So help me God.

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At a meeting of the Council, May 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Archd. Bulloch. John Wereat. Benjn. Andrew.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. Samuel Saltus. James Scriven.
Jno. Bohun Girardeau. Danl. Roberts.

The President laid the following letters before the Board:

SIR:—I received a note from Mr. Langworthy to desire the keys of Mr. Hume's house, as you had ordered it should be made use of as a Guard house during the sitting of the sessions. The house has received very great damage from the companies that have been in it (during the alarm), such as ripping down the whole of the paper,

burning the chimney piece in the best room, etc. The Attorneys were just about fitting it up, for the reception of a family, therefore would be very glad if some other house could be thought of, that might answer full as well, without the same inconveniences.

I am sir, yours, etc..

JAMES HOUSTOUN.

WEDNESDAY, 5 o'clock.

*His Excellency, Etc., to Doctor Houstoun:*

SIR:—I was this moment favored with yours of this date, in answer to a note received from Mr. Langworthy—his request to you was in consequence of the unanimous opinion of the Council this morning and from which I cannot depart. I am sorry for any loss that individuals may sustain, but the public good must be considered.

I am, etc.,

A. BULLOCH.

SAVANNAH, 29th May, 1776.

*To the Commanding Officer of the Guard.*

SIR:—It was the unanimous opinion of the Council that Mr. Hume's house should be made use of as a guard-house, and upon application to Dr. James Houston for the keys, it seems there are none to be procured. You will, therefore, endeavor by the best means in your power to enter the house and make use of it accordingly.

A. BULLOCH.

His Excellency laid before the Board an order amounting to £14-0-0 due to Mrs. McFarlin, which it appeared he had paid; also the following receipt:

Received May 30th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, seven pounds, for going express to Charlestown on public service.

RODOLP his x mark. STROHAGER.

His Excellency paid Mrs. Neidlinger ten pounds in part of an account due to John Neidlinger, her husband, for acting as Sexton of this Parish.

Received June 3d, 1776, of his Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., the sum of fifty pounds, on account of the public.

℘ THOS. LEE.

His Excellency paid Capt. Joseph Davlin thirty pounds in part of an account due to his volunteer company at Augusta.

At a meeting of the Council, June 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Benjn. Andrew. | William LeConte. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Wereat. | George McIntosh. |

Ordered, that orders be forthwith issued to the commanding officer of the First Regiment of Militia to draught and bring to town the several Companies in the Parish of Christ Church, and that they be in barracks.

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At a meeting of the Council June 8th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Cochrane. | John Wereat. |
| Jno. Adam Treutlen. | George McIntosh. | John Houstoun. |
| William Le Conte. | Benjn. Andrew. | |

Ordered, that orders do issue to Col. Baker to hire a number of negroes to finish in a more proper manner the intrenchments about Sunbury.

That Col. McIntosh do reinforce the present detachment now there with as many of the battalion as will make a company.

That Capt. Saxton do draft one-half the Company of the District residing in or near the Town, and that he be directed to summon them to appear under arms every day, till the present alarm ceases, or the President and Council shall think proper to direct otherwise.

Mrs. Ann Nichols presented a petition to the Board. Ordered, that it be referred to the Congress.

Ordered, that a quarter cask of rum be redelivered to Mrs. McKnight.

Ordered, that commissions be issued for the following gentlemen, viz.: John Flerl, as Captain; Christopher Cramer, First Lieutenant; Jacob Ihle, Senr., Second Lieutenant; Christian Steiner, Third Lieutenant, of a a Company in the Lower District of the Parish of St. Matthew, Second Battalion in the First Regiment.

Received, June the 8th, 1776, of Archibald Bulloch, seventy-eight pounds, sixteen shillings, for a hogshead of rum for the use of the public.

JAMES GRAY.

His Excellency laid before the Board a receipt in full for Capt. Davlin's account, the whole amounting to forty-five pounds, sixteen shillings.

Received of Archd. Bulloch one hundred pounds, for Capt. Marbury's Troop of Horse. I say received this 8th June, 1776, on account of the public.

JOS. WALKER.

Received June 10th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, thirty pounds, on account of the public.

LUKE MANN.

Ordered, that a commission be issued for Mr. Patterson, as Second Lieutenant of Capt. Cuthbert's Company.

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At a meeting of the Council Tuesday, June 11, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Wereat. | George McIntosh. |
| Jonathan Cochrane. | John Girardeau. | Benj. Andrew. |
| | Dan'l Roberts. | |

Whereas, it appears that the men in Capt. Cuthbert's Company are dissatisfied with the return of a Lieutenant; ordered, therefore, that orders be issued for a new election.

Received, June 11th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., one hundred and fifty pounds, on account of the public.

WM. MCINTOSH.

Received, June 13th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., three pounds, on account of the public.

℘ RODOLPH STROHAGER.

Received, 13th June, 1776, from his Excellency the President, the sum of twenty pounds, being an order from Major Habersham.

℘ JOHN HOLMES.

Received, June 15th, 1776, of Archibald Bulloch, fifty-two pounds, on account of the public.

THOS. LEE.

Received, June 15th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, eighteen pounds, on account of the public, for Luke Mann, Commissary.

SAM'L MILLER.

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At a meeting of the Council June 18, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Bryan. | Jonn. Cochrane. |
| John Wereat. | John Girardeau. | George McIntosh. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Benjamin Andrew. | John Houstoun. |
| | Adam Fowler Brisbane. | |

His Excellency the President laid before this Board a letter from Jno. Rutledge, Esqr., informing us that General Lee desired that we would send two of our Council to Charlestown, which being considered it was agreed to send Messrs. Jonathan Bryan and Houstoun, and also Colonel Lachlan McIntosh.

Daniel McMurphy, Francis Stringer and David Lewis waited on the Board and qualified as Justices of the Peace for the Parish of St. George.

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At a meeting of the Council, June 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, Archd. Bulloch.

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| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Wm. LeConte. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | George McIntosh. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | John Wereat. | |

Mr. John Hill waited on the Board and took the test as a lieutenant of the Troop of Horse.

James Goldwire and Philip Howell, Esqrs., waited on the Board and qualified as Justices of the Peace for the Parish of St. Matthew.

Wm. Jackson, Esq., waited on the Board and qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Saint Paul.

Capt. Woodruffe attended the Board and laid before them sundry papers and affidavits, respecting a vessel that arrived in Sapelo River, loaded with rum, sugar, osnabergs, etc., that as the said sloop was registered at St. Augustine, he, the said Woodruffe took possession of the said vessel, etc.

The Board taking the premises into consideration issued the following orders to Capt. Woodruffe.

SIR:—You are hereby ordered immediately to discharge the sloop and schooner with their cargoes which you boarded in Sapelo River and brought round to Sunbury, as also all the hands and every other thing belonging to the said vessels.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

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At a meeting of the Council, June 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, Archd. Bulloch.

Adam Fowler Brisbane. Jonathan Cochrane. John Wereat.
John Adam Treutlen Benjamin Andrew. Jonn. Bryan.
John Bohun Girardeau. George McIntosh.

Received, June 19th, 1776 of Archd. Bulloch, one hundred and fifteen pounds, being the sum he received from Captain Pooler for the use of the public.

EWEN & O'BRYAN, Treasurers.

Ordered, that every man liable to bear arms shall do militia duty in the Parish, or District where he resides, unless he shall be enrolled in some volunteer company.

Resolved, that orders be issued to Capt. Saxton at Sunbury, requiring him immediately to attend on this Board.

Ordered, that the inhabitants of the Cherokee Hill District do militia duty in Capt. Richd. Wylly's company.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board the following memorandum:

Please to let me have my orders in what manner I am to act in regard to vessels, as also in what manner I am to provide provisions for my people; and shall be glad your honor would impower to press a boat for the service of the country, as occasions may require and if I am still to continue my station on Sutherland Bluff, and shall be glad your excellency would grant me something to show that I have done no more than my duty, as also an order to the keepers of the Gaols to discharge the negroes at the public expense, and to the commissary at Sunbury for a supply of provisions to carry us home,

The Board ordered the following to be delivered to Capt. Woodruffe.

SAVANNAH, June 20th, 1776.

SIR:—The council took into consideration this morning the sundry matters mentioned in the memorandum you delivered to me, and am to inform you in the first place, that with regard to vessels you are to conduct yourself according to the resolves of Congress; and as to providing provisions for your people, it is the opinion of the Council, that when there are any detachments of men on duty, the commanding officer is to provide for them and make the same a public charge.

The pressing a boat for service is already allowed by Congress; and you have no occasion to continue your station on Sutherland Bluff, as a party of the battalion are doing duty on the Altamaha.

The expenses attending the negroes, to the time orders were delivered to you, will be paid, and you may be supplied by the commissary at Sunbury with necessary provisions to carry your men home which will be likewise defrayed.

I am sir, your humble servent,

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Capt. Woodruffe.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved as Justices of the Peace for the Parish of St. Paul: John Walton, Robt. Rae, Wm. Goodgion, James Grierson, Saml. Jack, Jacob Beal, Charles Crawford, Henry Downs, Robert Hamilton and George Wells.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency, Archd. Bulloch, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the said Province.*

*To any of the Constables of the Parish of St. George*:

WHEREAS, It has been represented to me, that notwithstanding orders were issued the thirteenth day of March last for the delivery

of a parcel of negro slaves to Quintin Pooler, merchant of Savannah, which said negro slaves by a sufficient deed in the law were conveyed to the Said Quintin Pooler by one William McDaniel, yet it appears that John Green and William Christie of Saint George's Parish, planters, disregarding the said orders, detain and keep in their possession the said negroes; therefore by and with the advice of the Council, I do hereby order and require the said John Green and William Christie to deliver the said negroes to you or any of you, that the said negroes may continue in the possession of Quintin Pooler, until it shall be determined otherwise by the laws agreeable to the Constitution of the Province.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved as Justices of the Peace for the Kiokee District: William Jackson, William Candler, Abraham Ayres, William Few, Junior, Edwd. Cartledge and Dionysius Wright.

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At a meeting of Council, June 21st, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Wereat. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Geo. McIntosh. | Jonn. Cochrane. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Jno. Adam Treutlen. | William LeConte. |

Mr. John Jones waited on the Board and qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Town of Sunbury.

Ordered, that his Excellency the President do issue orders to Colonel Scriven in order to draught part of the militia to bring the cannon from Frederica.

Capt. Miller and Mr. Jollie waited on the Board and were interrogated respecting some rice that Capt. Miller had sold to Mr. Jollie in East Florida, when it was the opinion of the Board that Mr. Jollie be detained in this Province, on his parole.

At a meeting of the Council, June 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. John Wereat. Jonathan Cochrane.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. Benjamin Andrew. Wm. LeConte.
John Bohun Girardeau. John Adam Treutlen.

Savannah, 24th June, 1776. Received of his Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esq., five pounds, for the use of the Battery on Saltus' Island.

WILLM. O'BRYAN.

Received, June 24th, 1776, of Archibald Bulloch, fifty pounds, on account of the public.

SAM'L ELBERT, Lt. Col.

Received of Archd. Bulloch, forty shillings, the balance of an account due from the public, in full of all demands.

RICHD. KENNEDY.

Received, June 24th, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, fourteen shillings, on account of the public.

SAM'L SEEDS.

Received, June 22d, 1776, the sum of nine shillings, on account of John Arnold.

℘ LUCY TONDEE.

Received, June 22d, 1776, of Archd. Bulloch, one pound, five shillings.

℘ FREDERICK ROSSBERGH.

Ordered that commissions do issue for Mr. Stephen Dickenson, First Lieutenant; Mr. John Kell, Second Lieutenant, and Mr. John Lawson, Jr. Third Lieutenant of a company of militia commanded by Captain Nathaniel Saxton.

GEORGIA:

*By his Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief of the said Province.*

*To Col. Sam'l Elbert:*

You are hereby directed to order all the out detachments of the Battalion to march without loss of time to headquarters at Savannah, and the Militia of the Parish where they are stationed are required to do duty in their room.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

Ordered, that commissions do issue for Abraham Ravott, as Captain; Thomas Garnet, First Lieutenant; Daniel Howell, Second Lieutenant, and James Dell, Third Lieutenant, of a Company of Militia, Second Battalion First Regiment, Upper District of St. Matthew's Parish.

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At a meeting of the Council, June 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. John Wereat. William LeConte.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. Jonathan Cochrane. Benjn. Andrew.
John Adam Treutlen.

Doctor Nathan Brownson waited on the Board, and took his seat in the room of Col. Baker.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board the Address of the Congress respecting those whose going at large is dangerous to the liberties of America, when the following list was proposed as containing persons of this character:

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| Alexander Martin. | Peter Edwards. | Samuel Douglas. |
| John Douglass. | George Kincaid. | Thomas Moody. |
| John Hume. | Nathaniel Hall. | Lewis Johnson, Junr. |
| Andrew Johnson. | Philip Moore. | Joseph Farley. |
| Henry Preston. | Jno. B. Randell. | James Robertson. |
| James Kitching. | James Spalding. | John Martin. |
| Willm. Read. | Benj. Wilson. | William Thompson. |
| John Patton. | George Baillie. | John Jamieson. |
| Thomas Johnson. | Thomas Netherclift. | Edwd. Telfair. |
| Charles Wm. McKinen. | Alexd. McGoun. | Doctor Zubly. |
| Thomas Reid. | Robert Reid. | Andrew Hewat. |
| Philip Yonge. | James Mossman. | Robert Porteous. |
| William Lyford. | Wm. Panton. | John Inglis. |
| Alexander Begby. | William Skinner. | John Foulis. |
| | Francis Knowles. | |

The Council were of opinion that his Excellency should issue orders agreeable to the Resolve of Congress.

At a meeting of the Council, July 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. John Wereat. Nathan Brownson.
John Adam Treutlen. Wm. LeConte. Jonathan Cochrane.
Benj. Andrew. John Girardeau.

Whereas it appears to this Board, that Doctor Zubly* and Mr. Edw. Telfair*, who were in custody, agreeable to a resolve of Congress, were improperly and illegally dismissed by the Chief Justice: It is therefore the opinion of this Board, that the said Doctor Zubly and Mr. Telfair be taken again into custody, until it shall otherwise be determined.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency, Archd. Bulloch, Esquire, President, Etc.*

*To Major Thomas Ross:*

SIR:—You are hereby ordered and required to take into safe custody the bodies of Doctor Zubly and Edward Telfair (as their going at large will, it is thought, endanger the public safety) and them safely keep until further orders, and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

(Signed) ARCHD. BULLOCH.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Jonathan Cochrane. John Wereat.
John Adam Treutlen. Benjamin Andrew. William Le Conte.
John Bohun Girardeau. Nathan Brownson.

His excellency laid before the Board a letter from Lieutenant Colonel McIntosh, which being considered, it was ordered, that no officer shall send any of the militia to East Florida to make reprisals without orders for that purpose from the President. That Colonel Scriven be ordered to support Lieutenant Colonel McIn-

*Edw. Telfair was afterwards zealous in the cause of liberty and became Governor of the State. Doctor Zubly remained a royalist to the end, and his property was confiscated after the war.

tosh with a sufficient number of his men to make a stand against the troops of Indians from Augustine.

That Col. McIntosh be ordered to make a stand with the men under his command at Satilla's, and if he cannot maintain his post there to retire to the Altamaha, etc.

That Captains Marbury and Hovenden do leave a party of men, with a subaltern, to the westward, and with the rest of their men do join with and assist Col. McIntosh.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved of as Magistrates for the lower districts of Saint George's Parish, viz: Nathaniel Miller, Thomas Burton, Peter Shawn, Francis Hancock, William Lord, Henry Jones, Nathan Hooker, John Smith, Thomas Baulch, Mirick Davis and ye Rev. Josiah Lewis.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved of as Magistrates for the District of Queensborough, viz: Daniel McMurphy, James Flyming, Thomas Little, James Black, Thomas Lewis, Roger Lawson, Abraham Wammock and Charles Harvey.

Ordered that commissions do issue for Jacob Tusing, as Captain; Matthias Rahn, First Lieutenant, and Casper Griener, Second Lieutenant of Bethany Company of Militia, the Second Battalion First Regiment. Also for Israel Bird, as Captain; Frederick Restar, First Lieutenant, and Joshua Stafford, Second Lieutenant, of a Militia Company in the Lower District in the Upper Division of Saint Philip's Parish.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved of as Magistrates for the Parish of Saint Matthew: John Adam Treutlen, Philip Howell, James Goldwire, John Stirk, Jacob Casper Waldhauer, Abraham Ravot, Daniel Bonnell, Benjn. Lanier and John Goldwire.

The following gentlemen were recommended and approved of as Magistrates for the Parish of Saint John's:

Benjamin Andrew, Samuel Saltus, Daniel Roberts, John Jones, Job Colcock, James Scriven, John Baker, Senr., Parmenas Way, John Mitchell, Samuel Miller, John Sandiford, Gideon Dows and William Fox.

Ordered, that commissions be issued for Francis Handcock, as Captain; Charles Williams, First Lieutenant; James Red, Second Lieutenant; and Edward Weathers, Third Lieutenant, of a Company of Militia in the Lower District of St. George's Parish, Fourth Battalion.

That commissions be issued for John Dukart, as Captain; Thomas Lewis, First Lieutenant; and Levi Emmanuel, as Second Lieutenant, of a Company of Militia in the Lower District of Saint George, etc.

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At a Council, July 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Archibald Bulloch.

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| Jonathan Bryan. | John Houstoun. | John Girardeau. |
| Daniel Roberts. | Nathan Brownson. | John Wereat. |
| Benjamin Andrew. | John Adam Treutlen. | William LeConte. |

Ordered, that commissions be issued for Francis Stringer, as Captain; John Ryal, First Lieutenant; William Godby, Second Lieutenant; and William Ryal, Third Lieutenant, of a Company of Militia in Lower District of St. George's Parish.

That a commission be issued for Joseph Atkerson, as Captain of a Company of Militia in the Lower District of St. George's Parish, &c.

Mr. Jonathan Bryan, John Houstoun and Col. McIntosh waited on the Board and reported what they had represented to General Lee relative to the state of the Provinces, which was as follows, viz.:

The Deputies sent by desire of General Lee from the Colony of Georgia, to confer with him upon the state of that Colony, and the mode of putting it in the best pos-

ture of defense against all enemies, external and internal, are of opinion, That it is evident that that Province is in a most weak and defenceless situation; and besides that the intrinsic value of the lands, of other property in the Province, its situation as a frontier, fine inlets, harbours and rivers, and plenty of provision, makes it of the utmost consequence, perhaps equal to any other on the continent in the great Cause of America, that as it is not only liable to be attacked by sea on the east, in common with the other colonies, but from the south and west by the garrisoned Province of the Floridas and the most numerous tribes of savages in America, and far less able than any of them to bear it.

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The Deputies sent from Georgia by desire of his Excellency General Lee, to confer with him upon the state of that Colony, in order to devise the best method of putting it in a proper posture of defence, beg leave to represent, That from the weak and defenceless situation of the Colony, surrounded as it is with enemies, it stands in immediate need of assistance from the General Congress, and when they consider that however small the Colony may be of itself, in a comparative point of view, yet that from the great plenty of provisions, numerous stocks of cattle, excellent inlets, harbours and rivers (perhaps equal to any upon the Continent) with which the Colony abounds; and, above all, the firm attachment of its inhabitants to the American Cause, they are led to trust that the protection and security of that Colony will be held an object of considerable importance.

Not one of the thirteen United Colonies is so weak within, or so much exposed from without. To the east the inhabitants suffer the ravages of British cruisers, their negroes are daily inveigled and carried away from their plantations; British fleets may be supplied with beef from several large islands, well stocked with cattle, which line their coasts and around which large ships

may sail. To the south they have the Province of East Florida, the inhabitants and soldiery of which must of necessity make inroads upon Georgia for the article of provision with which they have been heretofore chiefly supplied. Georgia here stands as a barrier to South Carolina, and effectually secures that Province against like depredations. The southern parts of Georgia contain vast stocks of cattle, and our most valuable rice plantations lie that way. By some late computations there are said to be upwards of thirty thousand head of black cattle in the Province, and hogs without number.

We have certain accounts of there being at this time upwards of one thousand British troops in Saint Augustine. To the west and almost down upon the Georgia line are the most numerous tribes of Indians now in North America, viz.: the Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws, and a number of small tribes, in the whole at least 15,000 gun men. All these nations have been much tampered with by the emissaries of Government, and without the utmost exertions of prudence on our side, it is feared may be brought to act against us. They are so situated as to make it extremely convenient for our enemies to supply them from East and West Florida with ammunition and everything that they want. Our last accounts from the Indians are rather unfavorable, and when we consider their natural principle of infidelity, and how much more able our enemies are to purchase their friendship by presents, &c., than we are, there seems to be the greatest reason to apprehend a rupture with them. In such a case the fate of Georgia may be easily conceived. Add to all these considerations the vast numbers of negroes we have, perhaps of themselves sufficient to subdue us. In point of number the blacks exceed the whites, and the ready channel of supply and secure retreat which Saint Augustine affords, render them much to be dreaded.

The conquest of Georgia would be considered as a great acquisition by Great Britain. It is a most excellent provision country, abounds with ship-timber and lumber of all kinds, and is most conveniently situated for a place of rendezvous to their shipping. Under all these circumstances, it must certainly appear indispensably necessary that measures be immediately taken for the defence and security of that Province; but the low situation in point of means or ability of its inhabitants puts it out of their power to do it of themselves, more especially as they have been already put to a very great expense in consequence of the late descent upon them. The great object seems to be men, fortifications, and a good understanding with the Indians. We would, therefore, beg leave to propose:

1st. That his Excellency General Lee be requested to state the peculiar situation of the Province of Georgia to the General Congress, and to obtain directions from them to raise and take into Continental pay so many men as may be conceived to be sufficient to defend the Province. (In our opinion less than six battalions will not answer the purpose.) But as we do not conceive any of these men can be recruited in Georgia, we would apprehend it full as eligible (if that can be done) to order some of the regiments already raised to march thither. And, further, that the four troops of horse already raised be augmented to a regiment and put upon the Continental Establishment. Part of these battalions and troops may be so stationed as to serve equally for the protection of Georgia and South Carolina against the Indians, and above all may entirely shut up the communication between them and our enemies to the southward, which, in our opinion will be the most effectual means of preventing an Indian war.

2d. That the sum of £_____sterling be granted by the General Congress for building fortifications and guard boats in the Province of Georgia. The reason why we

conceive this ought to be a general charge, is because it is evident the same will serve against attacks from the south and for cutting off the communication between East and West Florida and the Indians, upon which the peace of the back inhabitants of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia depends. Besides, it seems to be a part of the plan of Administration to throw forces into the Indian country, where they expect to be joined by a considerable number of the savages, and in this event there is no Province or place thro' which they could so conveniently pass as thro' Georgia.

3d. It is a fixed principle with the Indians to be paid for their good offices, and in this controversy we conceive they will expect to be well paid, even for neutrality. The articles they prefer will doubtless be ammunition and clothing, but these we have it not in our power to give them. We would then propose cattle as a substitute, and are inclined to think, if the communication between them and our enemies were cut off, they would soon be brought to be well satisfied with a present of this kind. It is, therefore, submitted to the General Congress whether it would not be worth while to give direction that------head of cattle be purchased and distributed among the Indians by the Commissioners. We are of opinion this step would answer many valuable purposes, and would have a tendency not only of attaching them to our interest from gratitude, but would also be a means of civilizing them, and by fixing the idea of property would keep them honest and peaceable with us for fear of reprisals.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 7th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonn. Bryan. | John Wereat. |
| Archibald Bulloch. | Daniel Roberts. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Wm. LeConte. | Jonathan Cochrane. |

His Excellency the President, laid before the Board several letters and affidavits received per express from Augusta, containing a most alarming account of the Indians, breaking out, killing some, and carrying others off as prisoners; upon mature consideration thereon, it was agreed, that his Excellency should issue his orders to the several field officers throughout the Province to hold themselves in readiness to march where the service might require, and to write to Col. Rae and Capt. Marbury.

His Excellency laid before the Board a receipt of ten pounds, being cash he had paid to Mr. Edgcombe.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 8th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Daniel Roberts. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Jonn. Cochrane. | John Wereat. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Willm. LeConte. | |

His Excellency laid before the Board sundry dispatches from Col. Rae, and Capt. Marbury, which being considered, ordered, that a letter be sent to Col. Rae to inform him that a bench warrant is out against Col. George Wells, which if he does not pay obedience to, he must support the same with a draught from his Regiment and that the Committee of which he is chairman is to be considered as the only Committee of that District, that a letter be also wrote to Sherwood Bugg, chairman of the pretended Committee, forbidding him to assume the powers of a committee, etc.

The inhabitants of Queensborough presented a petition to the Board for a supply of ammunition.

Ordered, that fifty pounds weight gun powder and one hundred weight lead be allowed to them accordingly.

Ordered, also two hundred weight gun powder and five hundred weight lead be delivered to Col. Rae for the District of Augusta, etc.

Mr. William Belcher waited on the Board and qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Saint Philip, and also took the test appointed for all the male inhabitants of this Province.

He also informed the Board of sundry dangerous practices of William Love and Charles Hall of St. Philip's Parish.

Ordered, that his Excellency do issue orders to apprehend the said William Love and Charles Hall, and that Col. McIntosh be requested to send a detachment from the Battalion for that purpose.

That orders issue to take the arms at Mr. Montague's, and Mr. Harris's, and also the swivels on board the brig at Sapalo River and two two pounders at Mr. Bailies.

It was agreed to issue the following order to Quintin Pooler.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., Etc.*

*To Quintin Pooler of Savannah, Esqr.*

You are hereby required and commanded to yield and deliver up to Thomas Burton, Esquire, of the Parish of St. George, all and singular the negroes, which you shall have in your possession, belonging to the estate of William McDaniel late of the same place, planter, deceased, or which were in his possession at the time of his death, and have been since taken into your custody, particularly certain negro slaves, which you lately took into your custody under claim of a certain deed. The said Thomas Burton being appointed Executor for the time, and until it shall appear who is entitled to the administration of the estate of the said deceased—hereof fail not. Given under my hand, etc.

PROVINCE OF GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., Etc., Etc.*

*To Thomas Burton, of Saint George's Parish, in the Province Aforesaid, Esqr.*

WHEREAS, William McDaniel, late of the same Parish and Province, planter, deceased, was in his life time, and at the time of his death, as it has been represented unto us, possessed of divers negroes and other personal estate to a considerable amount. And, whereas, in consequence of the late distracted situation of this

Province the Courts of Ordinary, as well as all other Courts were entirely shut, by reason whereof, no will could be proved, or letters of administration of the said estate granted to any person whatsoever; and, whereas, it has been suggested unto us, that the estate of the said deceased hath been much injured and some part thereof carried away from the plantation of the said deceased, whereby those entitled thereto may be considerable losers. Wherefore, I have thought proper, by and with the advice and consent of the honorable the Council of Safety, to appoint you, and you are hereby appointed Executor for the time of the aforesaid estate. And you are directed to collect and gather together all and singular the personal estate of the said deceased. And to keep the same in and upon the plantation of the said deceased, in the best order and condition and to take care that no damage happen thereto. And all persons whatsoever are hereby required to yield and deliver up to you whatever part of the said estate they shall have in their hands, for all which, this shall be your warrant. This appointment to continue, until my further order.

Given under my hand and seal at Savannah, this eighth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 9th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Houston. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Wereat. | Dan'l Roberts. |
| Benj. Andrew. | Wm. LeConte. | |

His Excellency laid before the Board sundry letters from Col. Candler and others respecting the Indians. Ordered, that similar orders be sent to Col. Candler as was sent to Col. Rae yesterday.

The district of Little Ogeechee made a return of officers that were elected the 8th inst., viz.: Stephen Dean, Esqr., Captain; Charles Odingsell, First Lieutenant; Benjamin Farley, Second Lieutenant; and David Fox, Third Lieutenant, and commissions were ordered for them accordingly.

The following was received from the prisoners now in confinement:

The gentlemen confined at Mr. Mossman's house by order of your Excellency, having been informed that the Congress has left it to

you to grant them such allowance as you may think sufficient for their support, request that you will please to take the same under consideration and give your orders accordingly.

It was the opinion of the Council that the prisoners should only be allowed the rations, as the Militia of ye Province.

Ordered, that fifty weight of gunpowder and one hundred weight of lead be delivered to Col. Candler, for the use of the back settlements.

Capt. James McFarland qualified as Justice of the Peace for the District of Wrightsborough.

Barnard Herd, Esqr., qualified for the Middle District, Ceded Lands.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Archd. Bulloch.

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| John Wereat. | Jonathan Cochrane. | Benjn. Andrew. |
| Wm. LeConte. | Jonathan Bryan. | Dan'l Roberts. |
| | John Bohun Girardeau. | |

Ordered, that Mr. Kelly's bill be paid, amounting to one pound, three shillings and six pence, for bringing a deserter to Savannah, lately from Saint Augustine, and also fourteen shillings expended during his stay in Savannah.

Mr. Kelly desired of the Board to have leave to make reprisals on the Province of East Florida, for depredations they have made on this Colony, and to have a commission for that purpose, which was granted him.

Ordered, that commissions be issued for Joseph Farley, Junr., as Second Lieutenant, and James Alexander, Third Lieutenant of the volunteer company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Martin.

Capt. Lee waited on the Board and made application for a boat, which was granted him; also, it was agreed that he should enlist men, giving them the same bounty as he was heretofore allowed, provided they enlisted for the space of eighteen months.

That a line be wrote to Mr. James Butler, informing that he may repair the Ogeechee causeway, and that it will be allowed in ye public work.

That an order be issued to Mr. Shem Butler to permit Mr. Croker to have the use of his late father's house, &c.

Ordered, that Mr. Wright do deliver to Mr. Jonathan Bryan one dozen Romal handkerchiefs for Indians, and that Mr. Martin do also deliver fifty weight of bullets, etc.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board a letter from Mr. James Robertson, respecting his confinement. Ordered, that the commanding officer of the guard be directed to give him his enlargement.

Samuel Livingston laid before the Board an account, amounting to four pounds, sixteen shillings, which was ordered payment.

Mr. Thomas Johnston presented a petition to the Board; which being read and considered, ordered, that Mr. Johnston remain as a prisoner at Mr. Mossman's, where he now is.

Mr. John Inglis' letter being considered, it was agreed that orders should be issued for his enlargement, and also for the enlargement of Benjamin Wilson.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board sundry letters, and a petition from Sherwood Bugg, as Chairman of Committee at Augusta, which being read and considered, it was the opinion of the Board that they could have nothing to do with Sherwood Bugg, as Chairman, and therefore laid aside the petition, &c.

At a meeting of the Council, July 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Archd. Bulloch.

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| Jonathan Cochrane. | John Girardeau. | Wm. LeConte. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Adam Fowler Brisbane. | John Houstoun. |
| | Daniel Roberts. | |

His Excellency proposed to the Board the purchase of some indigo from Mr. Lavien, for the purpose of procuring arms and ammunition on the risque of the Province, and that it should be paid for in Carolina or Continental currency, which was agreed to.

Mr. Houston represented some matters to the Board respecting Mr. Shem Butler and Mrs. Croker, which being considered, it was ordered that Mrs. Croker do attend the Board on Friday morning next.

Mr. George Baillie presented a petition to the Board requesting that he might be indulged so as to be removed from Mr. Mossman's house to his own, as it can make no material difference, if he is confined therein, which was granted him.

Ordered, that his Excellency the President, Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Girardeau be a secret committee for the purpose of bringing arms and ammunition into the Province on the risque of the public.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 19th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Daniel Roberts. | Willm. LeConte. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | John Houstoun. | |

Thomas Ross, Esqr., waited on the Board and qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Christ Church.

The Board being informed that Mr. Quintin Pooler had refused to obey their orders by keeping in his possession the negroes that lately belonged to Mr. Willm.

McDaniel, deceased; it was their opinion that orders do issue to apprehend and take into safe custody the said Quintin Pooler.

That the officers taken prisoners be not permitted to go at large on their parole, but that a genteel lodging be provided for them with a guard.

Mr. Shem Butler and Mrs. Croker waited on the Board and made representation of their affair, which being considered it was the opinion of the Board, that Mrs. Croker be permitted to reside at Rosedew Plantation, but that she do not tamper with the negroes and have nothing to do with plantation business and give security to that purpose, and that James Butler and Dr. Younge be not admitted on the plantation.

Ordered that the following gentlemen, viz: Nathl. Adams, George Houstoun, Doctor Jones, David Fisher, and John Houstoun, be appointed Commissioners of the White Bluff Road, and that they be served with a copy of this order.

Mr. William O'Brien waited on the Board, and qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Christ Church. Also William Stephens, Esqr., qualified as Justice of the Quorum.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief of the said Province, in Council.*

*To the Provost Marshal of the said Province, Greeting:*

WHEREAS, Quintin Pooler of Savannah, in the said Province, gentleman, hath not only refused to comply with the orders issued from this Board, sitting and acting agreeable to the Constitution of the said Province; but hath also been guilty of a contempt of the said Board.

These are therefore to command and require you the said Province Marshal without delay to take into your custody the body of the said Quintin Pooler, and him safely detain in close confinement, until he shall be therefrom discharged by orders issued from me in Council. For which this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal in Council, this nineteenth day of July, 1776.

(Signed) ARCH. BULLOCH.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency, Etc.*

*To the Provost Marshal, Etc.*

WHEREAS, Quintin Pooler of Savannah, in the said Province, Gentleman, hath taken into his possession and secreted sundry negroes belonging to the estate of William McDaniel, deceased. These are therefore to command and require you the said Provost Marshal to make diligent search after the said negroes, and to take the same and deliver them into the hands of Mr. Thomas Burton of the Parish of Saint George; for which this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal, etc.

(Signed) ARCHD. BULLOCH.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Benjamin Andrew. Daniel Roberts. Adam Fowler Brisbane. Nathan Brownson. Wm. LeConte. John Bohun Girardeau. Jonathan Bryan.

Mr. Robert Hamilton waited on the Board and represented sundry matters respecting the Town and District of Augusta, and requested liberty for the said Town and District to elect a new Parochial Committee; when it was the opinion of the Board, that all the Parishes and Districts within this Province be ordered, at the same time they choose Delegates, to elect new Parochial Committees: He also requested an order that the Commander of the Militia should take possession of Mr. Gordon's Fort, and also made representation of some goods in possession of Capt. Manson, which being considered, it was thought proper to defer the same till further inquiry.

Mr. Robert Hamilton qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Saint Paul.

Capt. Daniel Roberts laid before the Board sundry accounts against the public of Capt. Nathl. Saxton, which, being examined, were ordered payment.

It was the opinion of the Board that orders should be immediately issued to take into possession all the goods that may be found secreted on Savannah River, or in any stores whatever in the Province.

Mr. Thomas Burton presented a petition to the Board, and Col. Stirk being sent for in consequence thereof, exculpated himself from some charges against him. It was ordered that Col. Stirk do assist the Provost Marshal in taking Quintin Pooler and the negroes belonging to the estate of Mr. McDaniel.

Nathan Brownson, Esqr., qualified as Justice of the Quorum for the Province of Georgia.

Mr. John Houstoun and Mr. William Stephens attended on the Board as counsel concerned for Mr. Shem Butler and James Butler, and oath of James Hamilton Casey being read and the substance thereof debated, it was the opinion of the Board that a warrant do issue to take into custody the bodies of James Butler and Doctor Charles Younge, and to bring them before this Board.

Ordered, that James Maxwell, David Huguine, James Butler, James Mackay, John Hern, Benjamin Stiles and Adam Fowler Brisbane be Commissioners of the Road for the Parish of Saint Philip.

Mrs. Wereat presented a petition to the Board informing of an advertisement for the sale of the plantation and negroes belonging to James Hume, Esqr., and that the said James Hume was greatly indebted to her husband, and therefore requests that the sale might be stopped. Ordered, that the said sale be stopped, and all others of the like kind.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 26th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | Daniel Roberts. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Nathan Brownson. | Jonn. Bryan. |
| John Houstoun. | Willm. LeConte. | |

Ordered, that William O'Brien and Thomas Ross, Esqrs., do take a Constable or Constables with them and proceed 'round the Town of Savannah and tender the Test, ordered by our Provincial Congress, to all the male inhabitants of the said Town, and those who refuse to take the said Test, they are immediately to commit to safe custody, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress.

Ordered, that Mr. Wm. LeConte and Mr. Jonathan Bryan be a committee to raise the scout boat.

Philip Dell presented a petition to the Board requesting leave to go to Saint Augustine in order to seek after his son, supposed to be in confinement there. Ordered, that Philip Dell have permission accordingly.

Mr. John Stewart qualified as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Saint Paul.

Mr. William Connell was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion of Militia commanded by Col. Jones.

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At a meeting of the Council, Savannah, July 30th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Daniel Roberts. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | William LeConte. | Samuel Saltus. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | John Houstoun. | |

Ordered, that commissions do issue for Daniel Bunnell, as Captain, Robert Dixon, First Lieutenant, and Thomas Mills, second Lieutenant of a Company of Militia in the Upper District of Saint Matthew's Parish, 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment.

Ordered, that Col. McIntosh, Col. Scriven, Capt. Baker and Capt. Woodruffe be recommended to go as volunteers on an expedition to East Florida, and that his Excellency do issue orders accordingly.

Messrs. James Butler and Charles Younge presented a petition to the Board requesting to be heard by the Board, by themselves or their counsel.

James Whitefield, Esqr., was appointed Register of Probate.

Whereas, it has been represented to this Board that the public papers belonging to the Secretary's office at Ebenezer may receive damage; it is, therefore, thought necessary to depute James Whitefield, Esqr., to bring the same to Savannah, and that he take them in charge, giving any person leave to examine the said papers, they paying such fees as were usually paid to the Secretary of the Province.

Dr. James Dunwoodie was chosen member of this Board in the room of John Wereat, Esqr., who is absent.

Mr. Douglass waited on the Board and represented that Capt. Wm. Bryan had taken, among the things at his planation, some nails, hoes, &c. Ordered, that such necessaries as shall appear to be designed for Mr. Douglass' private use, be re-delivered to him.

Ordered, that a commission do issue for Mr. John Stewart, as Lieutenant of the Troop of Horse commanded by Capt. Hovenden.

Mr. Andrew requested for an order of one hundred pounds, in part of an account, for erecting a battery in the Town of Sunbury, which was granted.

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At a meeting of the Council, July 31st, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | William LeConte. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Samuel Saltus. | John Houstoun. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Daniel Roberts. | |

Mr. Hazard waited on the Board and made claim to a negro wench and two children lately taken near Wright's Fort, which being considered, it was the opinion of the

Board that she and her children could not be sold, but that the other negroes taken with her should be sold at vendue by Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. Bryan laid an account before the Board for hire of negroes, &c., which was ordered payment.

Sundry accounts were also ordered payment, being wages for the boat of observation.

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At a meeting of the Council, August 1st, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | Daniel Roberts. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | William LeConte. | Samuel Saltus. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Houstoun. | Colonel Scriven. |

His Excellency the President laid before the Board his account current with the public, which being examined, it appeared that the sum of thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence was the balance due to His Excellency.

Received August 1st, 1776, of His Excellency, Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, the sum of two thousand six hundred and twenty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence in full of all demands due to the public. By order of the Council.

EDWD. LANGWORTHY, Secretary.

Whereas, it appears by the estimate of Congress, that the sum of one thousand pounds was provided in order to enable His Excellency the President and Council to stop up the back river; and, whereas, upon enquiry it is found that the said service is impracticable; and it having been represented to Council, that the Congress have not voted a sum sufficient for the contingent expenses of government. The Council, therefore, resolve that the Treasurers do pay out of the said sum of one thousand pounds provided for the stoppage of the back river, any sums of money for the public service that may be ordered by His Excellency the President in Council, and

that we will indemnify the Treasurers for so doing. Mr. Strothers applied for leave to pass through the Creek Nation in order to go to the Mississippi, promising to use his influence with the Creeks, and to give security of his return; it was the opinion of the Board that he be permitted agreeable to his request.

Mr. James Butler and Doctor Charles Younge appeared before this Board with their counsel, in order to clear themselves of an accusation, respecting the contempt thereof, and being heard, it was the opinion of the Board, they should be dismissed, first taking the following oath:

GEORGIA-ss.:

James Butler and Charles Younge of the Province aforesaid, make oath and say that they have not, nor hath either of them said, or done anything mentioned in the affidavit of James Hamilton Casey, and Shem Butler, which they meant or intended as any contempt or reflection, upon the proceedings of the President and Council of this Province, and that they had no notice of the orders of this Board, requiring them to keep away from Rosedew Plantation.

(Signed) JAMES BUTLER.
CHARLES YOUNGE.

Mr. James Butler was forbid to go on Rosedew Plantation, and Dr. Charles Younge promised not to go, but as a physician to the family, and then not to intermeddle with the affairs of the plantation.

James Whitefield, Esqr., waited on the Board and qualified as Register of Probates, and also as Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Christ Church.

Mr. James Robertson represented to the Board that sundry household goods at Mr. Hume's plantation would receive damage and be destroyed, and therefore requested leave to sell the same. It was the opinion of the Board that Mr. Robertson have permission to sell the said goods, but to be accountable to this Board for the amount thereof, if required hereafter.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 1st, 1776.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith send you a copy of what passed in Council this morning. There are notes to the amount of sixteen hundred pounds that have been expended mostly on account of the Battalion and Troops of Horse. What monies are deficient to take up these notes, you are to pay out of the thousand pounds, provided for the stoppage of the back river, as expressed in the copy I have now sent you, and the overplus is appropriated to contingent services. I am, sir, yours etc,

EDWD. LANGWORTHY.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Aug. 2d, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Benjn. Andrew. Daniel Roberts.
John Bohun Girardeau. William LeConte. Samuel Saltus.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. James Scriven.

Ordered, that the Light Infantry and Grenadier Company be discharged from doing duty in the Town of Savannah.

Ordered, that the Treasurers do pay to Mrs. Frances Brown, Sarah Kirk and Elizabeth Langford the sum of five pounds each.

Jacob Jacobs presented an account to the Board, when it was their opinion that he could not be paid his charge, as Clerk of the Battalion.

His Excellency represented to the Board the great want of guards on several rivers and inlets in this Province. Ordered, that Col. McIntosh do send detachments of his battalion to Ogeechee and Skidaway.

Ordered, that such merchants as have any goods still remaining in store, be forthwith directed to dispose of the same for the use of the public.

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At a meeting of the Council of Safety, Aug. 8th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Benjamin Andrew. Jonathan Bryan.
John Bohun Girardeau. Samuel Saltus. John Houstoun.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. Daniel Roberts.

The President laid before the Board a letter from the Honorable John Hancock, Esqr., together with a copy of the Declaration of Independency, which being read it was agreed that it be proclaimed in this Town on Saturday next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that orders do issue to the Commanding Officers of the Militia to assemble the people accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Young presented a petition to the Board setting forth that when he was last at Saint Augustine he purchased a quantity of goods from one Archibald Lundy and that he now stands actually engaged for the payment of the said goods to the amount of upwards of three thousand five hundred pounds sterling, etc.

GEORGIA:

*To His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, President, and to the Members of the Honbl. the Council for the Province aforesaid.*

*The Memorial and Presentation of Thomas Young of the said Province.*

SHOWETH:—That your memorialist sometime ago was applied to by a secret Committee appointed by your Board to procure from the neigboring Province some articles of clothing and other necessaries for the use of the Battalion in this Province.

That when your Memorialist went to Saint Augustine for the said purpose, he discovered that one Archibald Lundy had considerable stock of goods lying in this Province, imported within the continental regulations, but unknown to any but those concerned in the care of said goods.

That the said Arch. Lundy was not disposed to retail the said goods in this Province, under the present situation of things, but seemed determined by some means or other to sell them off by wholesale.

That your Memorialist conceive that such a stock of goods would be of infinite service to the inhabitants of this Province, and that in consequence of the present urgent demand for goods, they would turn out to good account to any person who should purchase them, and therefore concluded a bargain with the said Archd. Lundy for the whole of said goods.

That your Memorialist avers he did not know of the said goods, till after he went to Saint Augustine, and that the bargain of agreement between him and Lundy was fairly and bona-fide made. And

that your Memorialist now stands actually engaged for the payment of the said goods to the amount of upwards of three thousand five hundred pounds sterling.

That your Memorialist begs leave to suggest that he conceived the faith of the Province pledged to him and all others, who should bring in for sale to this Province any sort of goods not prohibited by the Association and other resolve of Congress. And further that at this time when we are striking out a new channel of Trade and our distresses for goods already become great, he apprehends every indulgence ought to be shown to the merchants and property in trade held the most sacred of all property.

That your Memorialist now finds, that the said goods are by order of your Honorable Board seized and taken into custody.

That your Memorialist is led to believe this must have been done under an idea that they were the goods of Lundy, or one Taylor (who acted for Lundy), but this he begs leave to assure Your Excellency is not the case—he having as before set forth actually purchased them, and the property vested in him.

That your Memorialist begs leave to assure Your Excellency and Honors that he purchased the said goods with a full intention of selling them in this Province, and had no view of anything clandestine, or unbecoming the merchant and fair dealer, and will now pledge himself, that should the said goods be returned to him he will dispose of them all within the Province, and will in the first place let Your Excellency and Honors have whatever necessaries may be thought wanting for the public service.

Your Memorialist therefore, under the particular circumstances of the case, and as it must appear that the said order was founded upon a mistake, as to the property of the said goods, prays that there may be an order from your Honorable Board for the redelivery to him of all the said goods, wares and merchandise.

And your Memorialist, etc.

Ordered, that the goods be still retained in possession of the Commissary and sold by him to the people, and that this Board will be answerable to Mr. Lundy for the amount of the goods that come into their hands.

Ordered, that the Declaration of Independency be read at the Assembly House, Liberty Pole and the Battery.

Ordered, that Mr. Thomas Reid be directed to bring his goods to Savannah and to sell them to the inhabitants.

Mrs. Ann Cuthbert presented a petition to the Board, setting forth, that very lately some person, or persons, without leave of your petitioner, have taken upon them to cut a new road to Newington, in order to make that road somewhat shorter than the old road, though it will be very prejudicial to the owners of the forty-five acre lots in general and particularly so to your petitioner, as it runs through the best of her land; that the old road runs on the line of the said lots and consequently doth very little damage.

Ordered, that Messrs. William Gibbons, Noble Wimb. Jones, Edward Telfair and John Joachim Zubly be summoned to attend this Board on Monday morning next, in order to explain the premises of the above petition.

Ordered, that no person in the Town and District of Savannah, shall be permitted to retail spirituous Liquors without a proper license.

Ordered, that a proclamation do issue forbidding all persons from selling any goods, etc., on the Sabbath day, and that the Magistrates do use their utmost endeavors to prevent all irregularities and profaneness.

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At a meeting of the Council, Aug. 9th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | Samuel Saltus. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Daniel Roberts. | Jonathan Bryan. |
| John Girardeau. | John Houstoun. | |

Thomas Young, Esqr., waited on the Board and requested that his affairs respecting the goods of Mr. Archibald Lundy might be reconsidered, when it was the determination of the Board, that it be referred to the consideration of the next Congress.

Capt. Roberts, Messrs. Girardeau and Saltus being appointed a Committee to agree with some gentlemen about loading, etc., some vessels for the service of the

public, reported that they had, agreeable to orders, met at Mr. Lavien's; that they agreed with Mr. Philip Moore on the following terms, viz.: That he should have one-half penny per pound freight on Indigo and ten pounds per cent commissions for buying and selling. That the public should guarantee the vessel against the weather, in proportion to what they ventured in her, and as Mr. Moore's vessel runs no risque, the Committee recommend that two thousand pounds be ventured in her, which was agreed to. They also report that Mr. Ratoone offers his vessel to the public; that she is upwards of seventy ton burden, well built, rigged and fit for sea, and that he asks for her no more than two hundred and sixty five pounds.

They also recommend that this vessel be purchased and that Commissioners be appointed to procure a load of rice for her, and send her off—and that Messrs. Thomas Maxwell, Senr., John Winn, Senr., and John Kell be Commissioners for that purpose—which being considered, it met with the approbation of the Board.

Orders were issued that Mr. Edward Telfair have permission and authority to take any quantity of pitch pine plank, that may be upon Mr. Rae's wharf, or elsewhere in and about Savannah, for the purpose of building a galley, and that he be obliged to take a sworn measurer to take an account of it previous to a removal, and pay the proprietors, at the rates and prices of such plant, heretofore used for the public service.

It was the determination of the Board, that the goods belonging to Archibald Lundy and claimed by Mr. Thos. Young, be sold by the Commissary at £75 per cent.

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At a meeting of the Council, 19th August, 1776.

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| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | John Houstoun. | Saml. Saltus. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Jonathan Bryan. | Wm. LeConte. |
| Jonathan Cochrane. | Daniel Roberts. | Nathan Brownson. |
| | Benjamin Andrew. | |

Gen. Lee waited on the Board and proposed the following question for consideration:

First—Whether as the Post on St. Mary's is now abandoned and the whole country between that river and Saint John's broke up, and as there is no possibility of transporting cannon, ammunition, provisions, or collecting a sufficient number of men for the Siege and reduction of Augustine, an irruption into East Florida can be productive of so important advantages to the general cause, or to this State of Georgia in particular, as to compensate for the trouble and expense; and what these advantages are?

What are the means of certainly supplying the troops with grain and meat? How their baggage is to be transported. Whether it can be safely transported by water?

If it cannot, whether wagons can pass, if the road is practicable only to horses, how pack saddles are to be provided?

Ordered, that Messrs. Jonathan Bryan and Nathan Brownson be a Committee to answer the questions proposed by Gen. Lee.

SIR:—The Council having taken into consideration your Excellency's questions, this day laid before them, are clearly of the opinion that an irruption into the Province of East Florida will be attended with the most salutary consequences to this Province and, of course, render service to the whole Continent. The reasons which weigh with them are as follows:

First—That they conceive the reduction of St. Augustine to be a very considerable object with the Continent in general, but to this Province in particular.

Second—They are led to hope that if the whole country around is ravaged, the cattle on the east side of Saint John's drove off and the inhabitants obliged to evacuate their plantations and fly into the Castle, the scarcity of provisions and the want of fresh supplies of many articles from the country will of itself oblige the Garrison to submit to our arms.

Third--That supposing this last consequence not to happen, yet the driving our enemies so far from our country will be of infinite advantage—in this that it will be a means of preventing the loss of negroes, either by desertion or otherwise by land.

Fourth—That the country being in our possession will, not only from principles of dread, attach the Indians to our interest, but will also put it in our power to prevent our enemies from holding any intercourse with these savages, or having any opportunity to tamper with them, or supply or stir them up against us. And we conceive that after the Province shall be so broke up a single Troop

of Horse appointed to range on the west side of the River St John will be quite sufficient to cut off all communication between the Creek Indians and the people of East Florida.

Fifth—By carrying distress and war into the country, we incline to think the inhabitants of East Florida will find themselves so much engaged at home, as not to be able to fit out Privateers against this Province, till we are better prepared for them. This Province has been harassed and they expect to be much more so with Privateers in case some vigorous blow is not struck against East Florida, and we are inclined to think the plunder which will fall into the hands of the soldiers will well compensate them for the difficulty and toil attending their march.

As to the other questions, viz:

What are the means of certainly supplying the Troops with grain and meat, how is the baggage to be transported, and whether can it be transported safely by water? We are of the opinion that while the troops remain on this side of the River Altamaha, there will be no occasion to do more than send a commissary ahead to provide rice and beef at different stages, as the troops advance. The country all along abounding with provisions, after they pass this river, we think it will be necessary to send a quantity of rice in boats with directions to meet the troops at different places, and we are informed that these boats may go with great safety, there being an excellent inland passage to a place called Picallatto Creek within twenty miles of Saint Augustine. We imagine these boats must be procured in or about Savannah, or Sunbury, and therefore we would recommend that the troops send such of their baggage as they can't conveniently carry in their boats. Some horses will certainly be necessary for the troops upon their march, which together with pack saddles we think may be got in this place. Wagons will be useless as they cannot proceed above fifty miles from this town.

Ordered, that the sum of thirty pounds be advanced to Mr. John Sutcliffe for the use of Gen. Lee.

Doctor Dunwody took his seat, as a member of this Board, and qualified as a Justice of the Quorum for the Province.

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At a meeting of the Council, August 20th, 1776.

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| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Daniel Roberts. | Samuel Saltus. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Benjamin Andrew. | Jonathan Bryan. |
| John Houstoun. | Nathan Brownson. | William LeConte. |
| John Girardeau. | John Dunwody. | |

The Board being of opinion, that the intended expedition against the Province of East Florida is a measure in which the welfare of this Province is particularly interested, and that if the same is successful, it cannot but produce the most happy effects to the inhabitants of Georgia.

*Resolved,* That this Board will give all assistance in their power to forward the said Expedition, as the same shall be directed by his Excellency General Lee, and that a committee be appointed to wait upon the said General Lee and know of him what will be requisite for the said expedition, which this Province can afford, and to assure him of our hearty and ready disposition to join and concur with him in all matters which may have a tendency to reduce the said Province of East Florida, or promote an irruption into the same, and that Messrs. Jonathan Bryan and Cochrane be that Committee.

Ordered, that Capt. Sam'l Miller do have a piece of sail duck No. 8 delivered to him, he paying for the same.

It being suggested that a number of boats will be wanted for transporting the troops and their baggage, in case they should proceed to the Southward, and that some boats proper for that service were just going away from this port;

Ordered, that Capt. Thomas Morris be directed and have full power to go to the river side in and about Savannah or elsewhere, and there view and inquire about all such boats as he apprehends will be fit for the said service, and that he do lay a restraint in nature of an embargo upon the same. And in case he apprehends there is danger of their being carried away, that he take the same into his possession, and apply for a guard from Capt. Woodruffe to take care of the same. This to continue until the further order of this Board.

Estis, Esqr., waited on the Board and made application for the loan of two thousand pounds to pay off some of the Continental troops belonging to Col. Kennon, which being considered it was the opinion of the

Board that the application ought to be made thro' his Excellency the General, or at least ought to be backed with a certificate from him.

Ordered, that Doctor Brownson and Jonathan Cochrane be a Committee to take proper security from Capt. Samuel Miller for the two thousand pounds allowed by the public for the purpose of fitting out an armed vessel.

Edwd. Telfair, Esqr., made application for a guard over the row gallies now building; also, that his negro pilots be taken up and confined, and that some guard boat be stationed in Savannah River to prevent negroes from going down to Cockspur. It was the opinion of the Board that a guard be ordered to take care of the gallies, and also that it be recommended to Mr. Telfair to cause all the negro pilots belonging to him to be confined in some secure place, and that Capt. Woodruffe and the marines under his command be ordered to do duty every night in Savannah River till further orders.

Henry Sharp presented a petition to the Board, which being considered, it was agreed that the said Henry Sharp should be discharged from confinement, he first giving approved security for his appearance.

Application being made for two four-pounders to be sent to Ogeechee River;

Ordered, that two four-pounders be delivered to the commanding officer of the Militia of the Lower District of Saint Philip's Parish.

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At a meeting of the Council, Aug. 22d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Benjamin Andrew. | John Girardeau. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Jonathan Cochrane. | Sam'l Saltus. |
| Nathan Brownson. | Jonathan Bryan. | John Dunwody. |

Ordered, that Col. Scriven be directed to apprehend and send to Savannah Messrs. Spalding and Porteous.

Capt. Leonard Marbury made application to the Board for leave to go with a detachment of Militia against some of the Cherokee towns. It was the opinion of the Board that orders be given to him accordingly.

Ordered, that Capt. Thomas Morris do fit up, with all possible expedition, the row boats, and to get as many carpenters as he can procure for this purpose.

Capt. Harvey having made information that sundry persons in the Back Settlements are about to leave the Province, and to take their property with them; it was the opinion of the Board that the commanding officers of the Militia be directed to stop and secure the property of such persons as are about to depart the Province, &c., &c.

Ordered that commissions do issue for Andrew Johnston, as Captain, James Martin and Alexander Boys, Lieutenants, of a Company of Militia in the District of Queensborough.

Also, for John McCandlas, as Captain, John Clements and John Patterson, Lieutenants, of a Company of Militia, as above.

Likewise for William Tulley, as Captain, David Merrine and Drurey Roberts, Lieutenants, as above.

And lastly, for Tuberfield Thomas, as First Lieutenant, and John Twittee, Second Lieutenant, of a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Charles Harvey.

It was agreed by the Board that the corn flour now in Savannah River should be purchased by the public, at ten shillings per hundred.

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At a meeting of the Council, Aug. 23d, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Archd. Bulloch.

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| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Dunwody. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Samuel Saltus. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Nathan Brownson. | |

Mr. Philip Moore laid before the Board an account of Mr. Andrew Lord, which was ordered to be deferred to the consideration of the next Congress.

James Butler, Esqr., presented a petition to the Board, which being read it was ordered to be taken into consideration on Tuesday morning next, and that the parties concerned in the said petition be summoned to attend the Board.

Capt. Hovenden having made a charge against Lieutenant Pugh of disobedience to orders, it was the opinion of the Board that Lieutenant Pugh do lose his commission, and also forfeit what wages may be due to him.

General Lee sent the following to his Excellency the President:

SIR:—I desire you'll furnish Mr. John Estis with eleven thousand one hundred and thirty pounds South Carolina currency, and take his draft for the same on Col. William Kannon.

I am, Sir, your most obt. & very humble servant,

(Signed) CHARLES LEE, *Major General.*

Savannah, Aug. 22d, 1776.

To his Excellency the President.

His Excellency the President delivered the following order to Mr. John Estis:

SAVANNAH, Aug. 23d, 1776.

GENTLEMEN:—Pay to Mr. John Estis the sum of one thousand, five hundred and ninety pounds, and take his draft for the same on Col. William Kannon.

£1590 | (Signed) ARCHD. BULLOCH.

To the Treasurers.

That his Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., do issue orders to Lieutenant John Hardy that he be directed to procure immediately a boat and hands and proceed to the southward to reconnoitre the sounds and inlets and see whether there are any British Ships of War, or Privateers on the coasts, and to make his report as soon as possible.

It was the opinion of the Board that the public should purchase two vessels from Capt. Samuel Miller for their service.

Ordered, that Thomas Maxwell, John Kell, Thomas Peacock and John Winn, Senr., be a Committee for loading and dispatching the vessels now in Sunbury purchased as above.

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In Council, August 24th, 1776.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the Prest. Jonathan Cochrane. Samuel Saltus.
John Girardeau. James Dunwody. John Houstoun.
John Adam Treutlen. Nathan Brownson.

Col. Jones having sent down sundry affidavits against Henry Sharp of Saint George's Parish, it was the opinion of the Board, that the said Henry Sharp should immediately be taken into custody, as being dangerous to the peace and good government of this Province.

Gen. Lee sent the following card to his Excellency the President.

Gen. Lee presents his compliments to his Excellency the President, and acquaints him there are several wagoners who are willing to dispose of their wagons and teams—they came with the South Carolina Troops and will probably dispose of 'em to advantage.

Gen. Lee is very sensible, the savings to the public will be great, and if the Province is not willing to keep 'em, they may afterwards be transferred for the use of the Continent in general. The bearer is one of these wagoners and is inclined to dispose of his team for five hundred pounds south: currency.

It was the opinion of the Board that the above mentioned wagons should be purchased for the public service.

Commissions were issued for William Evans and Edward Adams as Lieutenants of the First Company of Militia, commanded by Capt. John McLuer.

August 28th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Jonathan Bryan. Jonathan Cochrane.
Jno. Bohun Girardeau. John Houstoun. Danl. Roberts.
James Scriven. James Dunwody.

Thomas Palmer attended on the Board, and being duly sworn, said that he saw Mr. Moorecock, a brother-in-law to Doctor Jones, on board of Osborne at Cockspur. That the people belonging to the ships of war were frequently on the Island of Little Tybee, when Mr. George Barry was there; and that he sold them hogs, sheep, etc., but had not seen them there since. That Osborne had not forty men on board, and that Stewart, Phelps, Watson and Oldhis were on board.

Ordered, that Mr. Palmer be enlarged, he first giving security to remain in the Town of Savannah, till further orders.

Mr. George Baillie presented a petition to the Board, respecting some negroes belonging to the estate of Clement Martin deceased, which had been taken off the Island of Cumberland by a detachment of Militia.

Ordered, that it be referred to the Court of Admiralty and it was the opinion of the Board, that his Excellency the President do issue a Proclamation, ordering that all captures for the future be libelled in the said Court.

Gen. Lee sent a letter to the Board respecting the removal of the stock from the Sea Islands, and also of falling upon the most effectual means to secure and prevent the enemies of American Freedom from injuring us, which being read and considered:

Ordered, that Messrs. Daniel Roberts, Jonathan Cochrane and Jonathan Bryan be a Committee to wait upon the General to confer upon the same.

Titus Holinger laid a certificate from Mr. Thomas Morris, signifying that he had received a large deck boat from the said Titus Holinger, which was valued at one hundred and eighty pounds.

Ordered, that Titus Holinger be paid the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for the said boat.

Ordered, that the skins bought of Mr. Joseph Clay be given as a present to the soldiery now in Savannah.

Mr. Jonathan Cochrane, from the Committee appointed to consider of the best way and means of supplying the Province with dry goods, &c., reported:

That it was the opinion of the Committee that Capt. Bowen be furnished with letters of recommendation to the Governor of Cape Francois, setting forth that he is empowered by this Province to open a commercial correspondence with any capital merchants of his island, requesting the said Governor's protection and advice in accomplishing the same; also, to promise, in behalf of this Province, the like protection and assistance to the merchants in his Government that may send their vessels to any of our ports;

That answers be wrote to Messrs. Roux & Co., acknowledging the receipt of theirs, and that due attention shall be paid to them;

That Capt. Bowen be authorized to contract with any merchants at Hispaniola, or elsewhere, for armed vessels to the amount £3,000, and to pledge the faith of the Province for the same, the number and size your Committee recommend to the consideration of the President and Council;

That Capt. Bowen be directed to purchase arms, ammunition and other warlike stores to the amount £5,000, and to contract for as much more as this Province may require for its defence, and that he be empowered to charter vessels sufficient to carry rice or other produce to make good any engagements he may enter into in consequence of the power vested in him, or to engage rice, or other produce of this Province, to be delivered here at certain rates for purposes above mentioned, which ever might seem most beneficial to this Province;

and to empower them to enlist men for the said service, giving £....bounty and....per month, and should he not be able to procure such armed vessels, and find a probability of success, to apply for a convoy, if he should think it necessary; and should he obtain either the armed vessels or a convoy, to sell the pilot boat and lay out the money as before mentioned; and it is the opinion of your Committee that the vessel purchased of Capt. Rattoon be immediately loaded and sent off to Hispaniola, consigned to Capt. Bowen, and the proceeds of her cargo to be applied as before mentioned.

As the necessary articles for building and fitting out vessels and gallies for the public service cannot be easily got in the Province, your Committee think it necessary that Capt. Bowen be directed to purchase such materials as are immediately wanted for the said purposes; also, an assortment of medicines suitable to the disorders of the climate.

Further, that Capt. Bowen be furnished with a copy of the Declaration of the Independent States of America, and a proclamation from our President offering the French subjects a free trade with us.

This report was agreed to.

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At a meeting of the Council, 29th Aug., 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Cochrane. | Jonathan Bryan. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | James Scriven. | James Dunwody. |
| Daniel Roberts. | John Houston. | |

Whereas, it appears to this Board absolutely necessary for the safety of this Province, that all the cattle upon the islands should be either removed to the main or destroyed; therefore, it is recommended that the Commissaries of the several battalions in this Province do supply all the troops (except such as shall be stationed

in Savannah) with meat entirely from the islands; and it is ordered that the owners of such cattle as are upon the said Islands shall remove them to the main before the first day of November next; otherwise they will be destroyed at the loss of the owners.

Whereas, it has been discovered by sundry informations that some perfidious persons, enemies to American freedom, continue to maintain an intercourse with the officers or commanders of the ships of war now stationed at Cockspur;

And whereas, such intercourse may be attended with the most dangerous consequence to the peace and welfare of the Independent States of America;

It is, therefore, resolved that from and after this day there shall be no license or pass granted to any person whatsoever, for the purpose of going down to the said ships of war, except to those who are about to leave the Province never to return; and all persons who may be detected in attempting to do the same clandestinely will be punished according to the utmost rigour of the law.

Ordered, that the sum of five pounds sterling be paid to Peter Buckhalter, for his information respecting the ships of war at Cockspur.

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At a meeting of the Council, Aug. 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | James Dunwody. | Daniel Roberts. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | James Scriven. | John Houstoun. |
| | Jonathan Cochrane. | |

Button Gwinnett, Esqr., waited on the Board and laid before them the following letter from the Honorable John Hancock, Esqr.:

PHILADELPHIA, July 24th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN:—The Congress being of opinion that the service of the United States will be promoted by taking into pay a number of troops, in the State of Georgia, who are to act either as infantry

or light horse, as occasion may require, have come to the enclosed Resolves, which I do myself the honour of transmitting, in obedience to their command.

In consideration that these troops will go thro' more than ordinary duty, and be put to a greater expense than others, the Congress have augmented their pay in proportion.

I have delivered blank commissions to the Delegates of your State.

With most hearty and sincere wishes for the prosperity of the State of Georgia, I have the honour to be, with great respect,

Genl., Yrs., &c.,

JNO. HANCOCK, *President.*

To the Honble. the Convention of the State of Georgia.

IN CONGRESS, July 24th, 1776.

*Resolved,* That the regiment of Rangers now in the pay of the State of South Carolina be placed upon Continental establishment, and that it consist of a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, a Major, ten Captains, twenty Lieutenants, a Surgeon, a Pay Master, twenty Sergeants, and five hundred privates.

That the pay of the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of Rangers be the same as a Colonel of Post; a Major that of a Lieutenant Colonel; a Captain that of a Major, and the Lieutenants that of Captains, and Sergeants that of Ensigns of foot of the Continental forces; that the Surgeon be allowed 33⅓ dollars per month, the Pay Master 26⅔ and the privates 12½ dollars per month to provide themselves with horses, guns and provisions for themselves and horses.

That the said Rangers be liable to act on horse back or foot, as occasion may require.

That the like number of Rangers be raised in the State of Georgia and put upon Continental establishment.

That these be entitled to the same pay and subject to the same duties as the Caroliina Rangers.

By order of the Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

IN CONGRESS, JUNE 5th, 1776.

*Resolved,* That the pay of the Regimental Surgeons be augmented to thirty-three dollars and one-third of a dollar a month.

*Resolved,* That prisoners taken by Continental Arms be not exchanged by any other authority but the Continental Congress.

JULY 5th.

The Committee appointed to consider the State of Georgia brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, thereupon;

*Resolved,* That for the defense of the Colony of Georgia, there be an addition of two Battalions, one of them to consist of Riflemen, to be raised on the same terms on which other Continental Battalions are now ordered to be raised.

*Resolved,* That blank commissions for the field officers be sent to the Convention of Georgia to be filled up with the names of such persons as the said Convention shall judge proper.

*Resolved,* That it be recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions, or Council of Safety, of the Colonies of Virginia, North and South Carolina, to permit the raising of troops for the purpose aforesaid within their respective Colonies, and if requested to afford their advice and assistance, with regard to suitable persons in the said Colonies for Captain and Subalterns, and that blank commissions be delivered to the Delegates.

*Resolved,* That four gallies be built at the expense of the United States, under the direction of the Convention of Georgia, for the further defense of said Colony. And;

WHEREAS, The Delegates of the said Colony of Georgia have represented to said Committee that it will be necessary that two forts be erected in said Colony, the one at Savannah and the other at Sunbury.

*Resolved,* That two Companies of Artillery be raised, consisting of fifty men each, officers included, for the purpose of garrisoning such forts, in case they shall be erected at the expense of the said Colony, and that blank commissions be delivered to the Delegates for the officers, to be fixed up by the Assembly or Convention of said Colony.

That a Chaplain be appointed to each Regiment in the Continental Army, and their allowance be increased to thirty-three dollars and one-third of a dollar a month.

JULY 8th.

*Resolved,* That an order for sixty thousand dollars be drawn on the Treasurers in favor of the Delegates of Georgia, for the use of the Continental Battalions, the Colony to be accountable.

JULY 16th.

That there be appointed by the Commanding Officer of each Regiment in the Continental Army, a Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, Drum Major and Fife Major, who shall respectively hold no other appointment but those before mentioned, and that their pay be one dollar a month each more than that allowed to a Sergeant, Drum or Fife in said Regiment.

That a Pay Master be appointed to each Regiment in the Army of the United States, with a salary of twenty-six dollars and two thirds of a dollar a month.

JUNE 26th, 1776.

*Resolved,* That a bounty of ten dollars be given to every non-commissioned officer and soldier who will enlist for the term of three years.

NOVEMBER 4th, 1775.

*Resolved,* That a ration consist of the following kind and quantity of provisions, viz:

One pound beef or three-quarter pound pork, or one pound salt fish per day.

One pound bread or flour per day.

Three pints of pease or beans per week, or vegetables equivalent at one dollar per bushel for pease or beans.

One pint of milk per diem, per man, or at the rate of 1-72 of a dollar.

One half pint of rice, or one pint of Indian meal, per man per week.

One quart of spruce beer or cyder, per man per day, or three gallons molasses per company of 100 men per week.

Three pound candles to 100 men per week, for guards.

Twenty four pounds soft or eight pounds hard soap for 100 men per week.

Extract from the Minutes.

By order of the Congress,

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary. JOHN HANCOCK, President.

His Excellency General Lee having represented that it was necessary to enclose the public magazine;

Ordered, that one hundred negroes be impressed for that purpose.

John Griner, Thomas Lovett and Aaron Pickron laid before the Board a certificate, by which it appeared that since the sixteenth day of October, one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five, they have acted as Captain and Lieutenants of a volunteer Company in the Upper District of Halifax, St. George's Parish, and requested a renewal of their commissions under the present Constitution, and also a commission for John Adams Niseler, as Third Lieutenant of the said Company, which was granted.

Ordered, that a commission as letter of marque be granted to Francis Coddington, commander of a Ber-

mudian sloop called the Sunbury Hero, 75 tons and 80 men.

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At a meeting of the Council, Sept. 13th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. James Scriven. William LeConte.
John Adam Treutlen. Benjamin Andrew. James Dunwody.
John Bohun Girardeau. Jonathan Bryan.

Mr. John Wilson, on behalf of the widow of Nathaniel Hughes, applied for a proclamatian to apprehend and secure the body of Mr. Joseph Habersham, which being considered, it was the opinion of the Board that a proclamation be issued and published in the next *Gazette*, offering the sum of fifty pounds reward.

It is the opinion of the Board that Messrs. Spalding and Preston be committed to the main guard, and that the officer of the main guard be ordered to permit no one to visit the prisoners without leave from his Excellency the President.

Mrs. Murray made application for leave to send some person to Cockspur for her runaway negroes, which was not granted.

Capt. Lee waited on the Board and requested for a Lieutenant to be appointed for his Artillery Company in the room of Lieut. Hughes, which was deferred till the meeting of the Convention.

Capt. John Martin waited on the Board and requested leave to prevent Mr. Philip Moore from leaving the Province, and was referred to the Chairman of the Parochial Committee.

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At a meeeting of the Council, Sept. 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. James Dunwody. William LeConte.
John Adam Treutlen. Jonathan Bryan. James Scriven.
John Bohun Girardeau. Benjamin Andrew.

Mr. Sutcliffe waited on the Board respecting orders for supplying the sick troops with necessaries, &c., which being considered, it was the opinion of the Board that Mr. Sutcliffe do receive, from time to time, orders on the Treasurers for such sums as may be requisite for that purpose.

Messrs. John and James Habersham presented the following petition to the Board.

GEORGIA:

*To His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia, and the Honorable the Council of the same Province:*

The humble petition of James Habersham and John Habersham of Savannah, Sheweth:

That your petitioners have been informed by a member of your Board, that a Proclamation is ordered to be issued for apprehending your petitioners' brother, Joseph Habersham,* late of the same Province who stands suspected of a charge of felony, and offering a reward for that purpose of fifty pounds. That your petitioners are extremely sorry to find a proceeding of that kind intended to be adopted against their brother, for reasons they submit to your consideration. They conceive their brother ever bore a fair and honest character, as can be witnessed by all his acquaintances. That he has also been a zealous friend of the Constitution now formed in this Country, and in his station as Major of the Georgia Battalion, and as a private gentleman hath ever conducted himself so as to gain the esteem and regard of most people. That your petitioners further represent, they have reason to believe (and are well assured in their own breast) that their brother, by absenting himself, does not mean to fly from the justice of his country, but on the contrary, they believe he will surrender himself in a reasonable time, at least, so soon as his health (which when he left this place was in a declining way) is re-established and he recovered strength to attend to his own affairs, and make a proper defense to the charge now against him, which your petitioners believe he can do, so far as will remove at least a great part of imputation of the crime with which he is said to be charged. For all which reasons your petitioners hope for this indulgence from your humanity, in

*The whole career of Joseph Habersham would indicate that the charges here referred to were false, and that they were instigated by political enemies. In the absence of any further reference to the matter in any of the records, it is to be presumed that the charges were untrue.

favor of their brother, that you will accept of security, which they are ready to give to any amount, that their brother shall be forthcoming within six months from this day, unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable accident, which shall be made appear (should it so happen) to your satisfaction. If this request cannot be granted, your petitioners hope, in justice to their brother's character as an officer and a gentleman, you will at least postpone issuing your Proclamation for ten days that they may have an opportunity to endeavor to find him out, to lay before him the consequence of his not surrendering in time.

And your petitioners are of opinion such notification would induce their brother to surrender himself rather than see a public Proclamation issued against him.

Wherefore your petitioners pray you to consider of the premises and grant such relief as you shall, in your wisdom and discretion, think meet.

And they will ever pray.

(Signed) JAMES HABERSHAM,
JOHN HABERSHAM.

Savannah, the 14th September, 1776.

Capt. Cuthbert waited on the Board and delivered in an account of his expenses to and from Philadelphia, together with the account of the dollars he received from the Continental Congress.

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At a meeting of the Council, 20th Sept., 1776.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the Prest. Benjamin Andrew. George McIntosh.
John Adam Treutlen. Jonathan Bryan. John Houstoun.
John Bohun Girardeau. Samuel Saltus.

Messrs. Henry Preston and James Spalding presented petitions to the Board, which being read and considered, it was their opinion that they be released on giving good and sufficient security for their behavior in the future, and also that Messrs. McCredie, Porteous, &c., be released on the same terms.

Capt. John Rains, of Bermuda, made application about some hhd. rum taken from him at Saint Mary's.

It was ordered that a letter be sent from this Board to Col. Maybank requiring him to libel the said rum.

Major Mason made application to the Board for leave to press wagons, which being considered, it was the opinion of the Board that Major Mason do hire wagons, and that the public do pay so much of the expense as he shall be charged above the usual price.

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At a meeting of the Council, Oct. 2d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Samuel Saltus. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | George McIntosh. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Daniel Roberts. | John Adam Treutlen. |

His Excellency the President laid before the Board sundry papers received from Philadelphia, which were read accordingly.

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At a meeting of the Council, Oct. 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Button Gwinnett. | George McIntosh. |
| Nathan Brownson. | William LeConte. | James Dunwody. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Benjamin Andrew. | Daniel Roberts. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Jonathan Bryan. | Samuel Saltus. |
| | Jonathan Cochrane. | |

The President laid the following before this Board, viz:

IN CONVENTION.

This house having received some information which gives them great reason to apprehend an attack is intended against this Province; and having also been informed of an armed boat being upon the coast, and having committed some acts of depredation upon the inhabitants. It is the opinion of this house that the said matter, together with all evidence and proofs attending the same, be referred to the President. That he be requested by and with the advice of this Council to use the most vigorous, speedy and effectual means for putting the Province in a proper posture of defense, so as to repel the said attacks in case they shall be made, and prevent further depredations and robberies; and to assure him that this

Province will most heartily concur with him in the said measures, and cheerfully defray the expenses attending the same.

Ordered, that a copy of this minute be presented to the President by Mr. Speaker after the rising of the House.

The above being considered, it was the opinion of the Board that two boats of ten men each be stationed at the inlets of Hossaba, Saint Catharine's, Sapalo and at the dividings of Saint Simon's Island, for observation and intelligence; and fifty men stationed at the extreme points of land Beulah, Hardwick, Sunbury, Sutherland's Bluff and Darien.

GEORGIA.

*By his Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief of the said State.*

*To Col. Lachlan McIntosh:*

SIR—You are hereby desired immediately to station fifty men at the extreme points of land at Beulah, and the same number at Hardwick, Sunbury, Sutherland's Bluff and Darien, or such proportion as you can spare at each place, and to complete the whole as soon as possible; and also to make return of both the cavalry and infantry within this State. And you are likewise desired to send off immediately an express to Brigadier General Howe, that he will forthwith order the troops belonging to the Georgia Battalion to march for this State, and cause the boats to be returned that were lent the South Carolinians to transport them to Beaufort, and once more to make a requisition of the ammunition due to the State of Georgia.

Dated at Savannah, the seventh day of October, one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-six.

(Signed) A. BULLOCH.

It is the opinion of the Board that orders do issue to the several officers of the battalions to draught the Militia into three divisions, and that the first division be in readiness to march at a moment's warning; and also that orders do issue to Captains Morris and Woodruffe to make a return of the men under their command.

At a meeting of the Council, Oct. 10th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Button Gwinnett. | George McIntosh. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Benjamin Andrew. | James Scriven. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | John Houstoun. | William LeConte. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Jonathan Cochrane. | James Dunwody. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | Samuel Saltus. | Daniel Roberts. |

Ordered, that Messrs. William LeConte, George McIntosh and Jonathan Cochrane be a Committee to examine into the election held at Wrightsboro for a Colonel to. ....Regiment of Foot Militia.

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esqr., Etc.*

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to me in Council that a party of men belonging to this State have lately taken into their possession certain negro slaves, late the property of Clement Martin deceased; who died considerably indebted to the full amount (as it is said) of the whole estate which he left behind him. And that the said negroes are now held and detained by them under pretence of their being the property of John Martin, and are now advertised for sale.

I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and consent of the Council absolutely to forbid the said sale. And to require and command all persons whatsoever who have, hold, or detain the said negroes, under any pretence whatsoever (as they will answer the contrary at their peril) to deliver up the said negroes to Lewis Johnson and George Baillie, Esquire, Executors of the estate of the said Clement Martin (or their agent) in order that due and proper administration of the said estate may be made and the creditors receive their demands, etc., given.

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At a meeting of the Council, 18th October, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | George McIntosh. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Benjamin Andrew. | Daniel Roberts. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Nathan Brownson. | |

The commissary of the Virginia troops applied for the loan of five hundred pounds, for the use of their troops.

Ordered, that the treasurers be directed to deliver him the said sum, on receiving a bill on the State of Virginia.

Ordered, that Capt. Pray be directed to proceed on a voyage to the Island of Saint Thomas and to procure as many seamen, arms, ammunition and swivels as he possibly can, and that he be permitted to mount as many carriage guns, as the vessel can bear on his return hither.

John O'Brien presented a petition to the Board, setting forth that at the present sessions of the Peace held in Savannah, he was indicted and convicted, under an Act of the General Assembly of this State of uttering and paying away counterfeit money of the State of South Carolina, whereby he becomes liable to suffer very severe punishment.

That he being conscious of his innocence, notwithstanding his conviction, is willing to make any atonement to the State, and therefore prays he may be pardoned, upon condition of his enlisting as a soldier in the service of this State and receiving no bounty money for the same.

It was the opinion of the Board, that the said John O'Brien should be pardoned and permitted to enlist as a soldier.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1776.

William Bryan and William Belcher were chosen members of this Board, in the room of Daniel Roberts and James Scriven, Esquires.

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At a meeting of Council, Oct. 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | John Houston. | George McIntosh. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | William Bryan. | Button Gwinnett. |
| Jonathan Cochrane. | William Belcher. | Jonathan Bryan. |

Mr. Luke Mann presented his account to the Board, which they thought proper to refer to the Convention, but in the mean time agreed that he should receive an order on the Treasurer for five hundred pounds.

Capt. Pray recommended Mr. Nudigate as his First Lieutenant, which was agreed to.

Ordered, that the inhabitants of Saint Paul be directed to proceed to the election of officers for the battalion of Militia in that Parish, on giving ten days' notice, and that then the officers do elect field officers for the said battalion.

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At a meeting of the Council, Oct. 22d, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | George McIntosh. |
| Jonathan Cochrane. | William Belcher. | John Houstoun. |
| Button Gwinnett. | William Bryan. | |

Mr. William Bryan and Mrs. Mary Morel presented the following petition to the Board:

STATE OF GEORGIA.

*To His Excellency Archibald Bulloch, Esqr., President, and to the Members of the Honorable the Council of the said State.*

The petition of Mary Morel, widow and relict of John Morel, late of the said State, Esqr., deceased, and William Bryan, of the same place, Esqr., Sheweth:

That your petitioners have (in consequence of an order lately made and issued from your Honorable Board, for removing all cattle and other stock from the islands within this State, with which they are now using their utmost endeavors to comply) been put to very great inconvenience and loss, having no place upon the main whereto they can carry their said stock.

That your petitioners are informed there is a tract of two thousand acres of land in the Parish of Saint Philip, adjoining Red Bird Creek, formerly granted to John Reynolds, Esqr., then Governor of this State, and another tract of five hundred acres granted to Alexander Kellet and adjoining the above tract, which tracts remain unoccupied and still in the name of the said grantees.

That your petitioners conceive this Honorable Board will think them well entitled to any favor or indulgence which they can shew, when they consider the great sacrifice your petitioners have made to the common cause, and that the inconvenience they are now put to, and the necessity of this application, arise from such sacrifice; and, therefore, they beg leave to propose to your Honorable Board that a lease of the said two tracts of land pass to your petitioners in the following proportion; that is to say, one thousand acres of the first mentioned tract to your petitioner Mary Morel; such lease to continue until the said lands shall be otherwise disposed of by this State. And in case your petitioners shall make any improvements in the way of building upon their respective proportions of the said lands, that then (when the said lands shall be taken out of their hands) your petitioners be allowed for the same. And your, &c., &c.

The Board having taken the foregoing petition into consideration, are of opinion that the same is perfectly reasonable and ought to be granted.

Therefore, resolved, that the petitioners be permitted to take possession of the said lands as prayed for, rendering rent one pepper corn to the State yearly, and that the Board have no doubt that when the said lands shall be taken out of the petitioners' hands, any improvements they may make in the way of building will be allowed for.

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At a meeting of the Council, Nov. 2d, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | William Bryan. | Jonathan Cochrane. |
| Benjamin Andrew. | Jonathan Bryan. | Samuel Saltus. |
| | John Houstoun. | |

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At a meeting of the Council, November 5th, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | Nathan Brownson. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | Button Gwinnett. | William Bryan. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Jonathan Cochrane. | |

Jonathan Bryan, Esqr., laid before the Board a letter from Edwd. Telfair respecting the battery to be built at

Tybee; which being considered it was the opinion of the Board, that ten negroes, able axmen, be taken from each of Sr. James Wright's plantations and also ten from each of Mr. Knox's, to assist at the said battery.

Mr. Lee Dickinson and Capt. Scott proposed to the Board to raise and bring into this State each a Troop of Horse on condition of receiving Captain's commission for each respective troop; it was the opinion of the Board, it should be granted them, and that the gentleman who first completed and marched his troop into this State, should receive the first commission.

On considering the present alarmed state of this Colony, it was the opinion of the Board, that the Convention be summoned to convene on Thursday, the fourteenth of this instant.

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At a meeting of the Council, 6th November, 1776.

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Cochrane. | Button Gwinnett. |
| John Adam Treutlen. | John Houstoun. | William Bryan. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Nathan Brownson. | |

Capt. Alexander Phoenix attended the Board and recommended George Young as Captain Lieutenant, James Alexander First Lieutenant, and Seybourne Johnson Second Lieutenant, of the Artillery Company under his command, which was agreed to.

Lieutenant Colonel Habersham attended the Board and laid the following representation before them.

GENTLEMEN:—I find by a late Resolve of the Continental Congress that it is recommended to the different States to fill their respective Regiments as soon as possible, also to renew the tests of those men whose time is near expiring, for which purpose we are authorized to give the difference between twenty dollars and the money that they received at their first enlisting, however, Gentlemen, I would submit to your consideration the present state of the First Regiment, of which I have the honor to be Lieutenant Col-

onel, and whether it would not be most expedient and more for the service of this State, for the protection of which that Regiment was immediately raised, to grant the full bounty to those men, who are willing to renew their enlistment and serve during the war than for the difference of perhaps four or five dollars to lose the men, their times are near expiring and they know that by remaining a few months longer in the service, they will be at liberty, that they may then go or stay as suits them, and that we must, if we want them again, give them the full bounty.

I would further observe, Gentlemen, that it has cost great pains to bring these people into some order, and that they are just now pretty expert in their exercise, even supposing we could get others to fill their places, these we should have the same trouble with to give them a competent knowledge of the use of arms.

There is another grand inducement, which, in my opinion, should have weight, the near prospect of an Indian War, and perhaps at the very time we are marching against the enemy the term of many of their enlistments may expire, and by that means we be deprived of their service. These reasons induced me to address your Honorable Board on the subject, and I have not the smallest doubt, but it will appear to you, Gentlemen, to be more for the service of the State, that it should pay two or three hundred pounds extraordinary than run the risk, especially at this critical juncture, to lose the men in our Regiment, or at any rate the greatest part of them.

This was deferred to the consideration of the Convention.

Ordered, that the following letter be forwarded to the Delegates for the several Parishes and Districts within this State.

GENTLEMEN:—His Excellency the President and Council considering the present alarmed state of this country, and the absolute necessity of our immediate exertions, in order to prevent the breaking up of many of our settlements, have thought proper to direct that notwithstanding the adjournment of our late Convention for five weeks, the Delegates for the several Parishes and Districts within this State be forthwith summoned to meet at Savannah on Monday, the eighteenth day of this instant, November. I am therefore ordered to give you this notice, that you may convene at the Town of Savannah accordingly and proceed to finish so much of the public business, as requires immediate dispatch.

SAVANNAH, 22d Nov., 1776.

Will Audley Maxwell, St. John's Parish, dec'd, to be proven and Executors qualified.
Will John Stewart, Medway, dec'd, to do
Will Gasper Garbet, Savannah carpenter, dec'd, to do
Will George Sweiger, Eben., plantr., dec'd, to do
Will Mary Powell, Savan., wife Capt. Powell, to do
Letters Adminsn. for Cath. Eirick, Adm., and to qualify.
Letters ditto for Quintin Pooler and to qualify.
Petn. and Citation Jno. Glen for And. McLean Est. Danl. Wastcot.

The above matters in the Court of Ordinary being all plain and simple, we, the subscribers, being seven of the Council and members of the said Court, have no objections to the same being done before his Excellency the President at his chambers (in consequence of his indisposition and inability to attend the Court) in case his Excellency shall think proper so to do. This we agree to to prevent delay and that the parties may not be detained in town, and if his Excelleney shall so require, we will ratify what shall be done herein at our next meeting.

(Signed) Adam F. Brisbane. John Bryan.
Wm. Bryan. Jno. B. Girardeau.
Geo. McIntosh. Benj. Andrew.
Jno. Houstoun. Jas. Dunwody.

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At a meeting of the Council, Nov. 23d, 1776.

PRESENT:

Adam Fowler Brisbane. Jonathan Bryan. Button Gwinnett.
James Dunwody. John Houstoun. James Maxwell.
John Girardeau. Benj. Andrew. George McIntosh.

Adam Fowler Brisbane laid before the Board some particulars relative to Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, when it was their opinion that he should be permitted to go to Sunbury to see his family.

Mr. Edward Davies attended on the Board and delivered the following affidavit:

Edward Davies maketh oath that about the 25th day of October last, he was at St. Augustine, and that Mr. Kelsall told him that the Brig Beaufort, now lying in Ogeechee River, was expected daily to Mr. Panton's address. As the said brig belonged to the deponent and partners, he applied to Mr. Panton to know on what

account she was to come away. Mr. Panton answered she was licensed by Governor Tonyn for St. Augustine, and requested of the deponent to know where he would receive said vessel, she being on monthly wages, but in case of capture a valuation was to be paid in a sum unknown to the deponent.

Sworn before me, Nov. 23d, 1776.

EDW. LANGWORTHY, *J. P.*

The Board took into consideration the above affidavit, and directed the following orders to be issued to Brigadier General McIntosh.

SIR:—You are hereby desired to issue orders immediately to the commanding officer of the guard on Ogeechee River, that he take into his possession the sails belonging to the Brig Beaufort, and prevent the said brig from proceeding on her voyage till further orders from this Board.

(Signed) ARCHD. BULLOCH.

To the Honble. B. Gen. McIntosh.

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At a meeting of the Council, Nov. 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | Jonathan Bryan. | Button Gwinnett. |
| James Dunwody. | John Houstoun. | James Maxwell. |
| Benjn. Andrew. | Geo. McIntosh. | Jno. Girardeau. |

The Board took into consideration the information of Mr. Davies respecting the Brig Beaufort, and were unanimously of opinion that it should be referred to the Convention.

Mr. Philip Minis attended on the Board and requested to have an order on the Treasurers for the use of the Northern troops, and on account of Wm. Kennon, Esqr., Continental Commissary General, to the amount of eight thousand dollars, which was granted him as follows:

SAVANNAH, 25th Nov. 1776.

GENTLEMEN:—Pay to Mr. Philip Minis, or order, eight thousand dollars, Georgia Currency, for value received.

(Signed) A. B.

To Messrs. Ewen & O'Brien.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, 25th Nov. 1776.

Three days after sight of this my first of exchange, second of same tenor and date not paid, pay Messrs. Ewen & O'Brien, or order, Treasurers of this state, eight thousand Continental dollars, value received of them, for the use of the troops now in this State, and charge the same to the account of

Your humble servant,

PHILIP MINIS.

To Wm. Kennon, Esq.,
*Cont. Com. General,*
In Charleston.

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## At a meeting of the Council, December 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonn. Bryan. | John Houstoun. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | James Maxwell. | Samuel Saltus. |
| John Bohun Girardeau. | Benj. Andrew. | |

GEORGIA:

*By His Excellency Archd. Bulloch, Esquire.:*

*To the Provost Marshal of the said State his Bailiffs and Deputies:*

Whereas divers orders have issued from me by and with the advice and consent of the Council for the delivery up to the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Clement Martin, deceased, certain negroes belonging to the said estate which by some means or other have fallen into the hands of certain people (at present unknown) in the Parish of St. John—all which orders have been disobeyed or treated with contempt. These are therefore in the name and in behalf of the said State to command and require you without delay to repair to the said Parish of St. John, or wherever else it may be requisite, and to take into your custody all and singular the said negroes and to bring them to Savannah, and immediately deliver them into the custody of the said Executors. And in case any person or persons whatsoever shall obstruct or oppose you in taking possession of the said negroes, then you are hereby required to take such person or persons into your custody, and to bring him or them also down to Savannah to be dealt with according to law.

And further to do hereby charge and require all persons whatsoever within this State, civil and military, who are well affected and wish to maintain the due authority of the same to aid and assist you, if it shall be found necessary, in the execution of this order, as they shall answer the contrary at their peril.

Given under my hand and seal in Council at Savannah, the eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Ordered, that commissions be forthwith issued agreeable to the returns made to this Board.

Jno. Keebler, Captain of the Grenadier Company in the Lower District of Saint Matthew's; Charles Mackey, First Lieutenant; Martin Dasher, Second Lieutenant; Danl. Tretler, Third Lieutenant.

John Lamar, Captain; James Martin, Geo. Randolph and Francis Folliott, First, Second and Third Lieutenants of the First Battalion, Third Regiment Foot Militia.

George Downs, Captain; ——Johnson, First Lieutenant; Theophilus Davis, Second Lieutenant; John Creitingdor, Third Lieutenant.

Robert Bonner, Captain of the Augusta Volunteer Company; Moody Burt, First Lieutenant; Thomas Carter, Second Lieutenant and Wm. Perrie, Third Lieutenant.

Matthew Marshall, Third Lieutenant of the sixth company of Foot Militia, commanded by Capt. John McCanliss.

DECEMBER 24th, 1776.

George Wells, Esqr., qualified as a Justice of the Peace for the Parish of Saint Paul.

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At a meeting of the Council, January 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Button Gwinnett. | John Houstoun. |
| Jonathan Bryan. | James Maxwell. | Benjamin Andrew. |
| Wm. Belcher. | Wm. Bryan. | |

Mr. James Maxwell laid a letter before the Board, by which it appeared that Mr. Philip Moore had detained on board the brig Beaufort eight casks of indigo, belonging to the public, which he had done for the ex-

penses due to him on account of the said brig. This affair being considered it was the opinion of the Board, that Mr. Philip Moore be immediately taken into close confinement, until he shall redeliver the said indigo.

On considering a letter representing the present alarmed state of our Frontier, it was the opinion of the Board, that one-third of the Militia be immediately draughted and ordered to scout by rotation on the frontiers of this State.

Ordered, that the trial of Capt. Lyford's negroes be postponed, and that the prosecutors be ordered to appear and show cause, why the trial of the said negroes should not be at Savannah.

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At a meeting of the Council, Jan. 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

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| His Excellency the Prest. | Jonathan Bryan. | Button Gwinnett. |
| Adam Fowler Brisbane. | John Houstoun. | Benj. Andrew. |
| James Maxwell. | Wm. Bryan. | |

The following was omitted in the minutes of yesterday:

SIR—I inclose you the account of all the indigo I purchased on account of the public, amounting to £9,632, in forty-four casks and one open barrel. You have, I believe, received from me thirty-six casks (say thirty-five casks, one keg and the open barrel); the other eight I have detained.

If the Honorable Council are going to do anything with this indigo before the meeting of the Convention, I beg you will, sir, be pleased to inform them that the motions that induced me to retain a part of the public property in my hands, was as security to me for the amount they are so justly indebted to me. You must be very sensible of the very many delays I met with in the Convention, and altho' by a resolve of that Honorable House I am entitled to be paid for my detention, yet, to my very great surprise, my account was returned to me, not passed for payment, and my friend who gave it me declared he believed it would be impossible for me ever to get paid.

I have consulted many merchants here respecting this matter, who all agree I am right in taking this step and securing myself.

I have many apologies to make for the trouble I now give you, and am, with respect, sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

PHILIP MOORE.

To James Maxwell, Esqr.

Ordered, that no recruiting officers from South Carolina shall enlist any men within this State, without express permission first obtained from the Convention, or, in its recess, from the President and Council.

Ordered, that Mr. Carey be sent to Saint Augustine with a flag of truce, to demand Capt. Woodruffe and the other prisoners, and that he offer in exchange Lieutenant Beecher, or any other prisoners now in our custody.

Mr. Maxwell laid the following letter before the Board from Mr. Philip Moore:

SIR:—When further consideration and a doubting my own advice, instead of my friends, I think that I have been rather premature in delaying the indigo that I have, the property of the public. I therefore beg you will be kind enough, sir, to cancel my letter of yesterday, and receive the remaining eight casks of indigo, which I left under the care of the Captain of the Guard at Mr. Stone's house, and will depend on the honor of the Convention for the payment of my account.

Indeed, if those gentlemen knew how well their indigo was laid in, I think they would not scruple to do it, as I am certain, were this parcel of indigo mine, I could get for it near 25 per cent more than it cost. When you have received this other parcel, I will be obliged to you for a receipt of it, any expenses attending getting it from the Ogeechee Guard shall be cheerfully repaid with many thanks by, sir, Your most obedient servant,

PHILIP MOORE.

James Maxwell, Esqr.

Thursday morning.

Messrs. Jones and Munro waited on the Board, respecting some Indian prisoners now at Sunbury, which being considered, it was referred to the Convention.

At a meeting of the Council, February 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Jonathan Bryan. Button Gwinnett.
Adam Fowler Brisbane. William Bryan. Benjamin Andrew.
John Bohun Girardeau.

His Excellency the President informed the Board, that being not able to convene a sufficient number of Councilors, and considering the alarming situation of this State, he had issued orders to the commanding officer of the First Battalion of the First Regiment to turn out the men under his command immediately, to relieve the regulars, who are to march to the southward.

Also orders to Col. Sandiford to turn out the Regiment under his command, and likewise orders to the commanding officers of the Parishes of St. Matthew, St. George, St. Paul and the Ceded Lands to have their men in readiness to march, in case they should be ordered, all which was approved of.

Ordered, that one-third of the Militia of the Parishes of St. Matthew and St. George be directed immediately to march to Medway Meeting House and there to remain, till further orders.

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At a meeting of the Council, February 22d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Prest. Jonathan Bryan. Benjn. Andrew.
John Girardeau. Button Gwinnett. Wm. Bryan.
Adam Fowler Brisbane.

Whereas, the present alarming situation of this State makes it absolutely necessary, that every friend of American liberty should stand forth and support the same; and whereas, a great part of the Militia of this State, are now ordered out in service, and the remainder

ready to turn out, at a moment's warning, it is therefore agreed, that the camp shall be fixed at present at Medway Meeting House in the Parish of Saint John's.

Ordered, that a letter be forthwith dispatched to Mr. Thomas Savage, acquainting him that we thankfully accept of the offer of his schooner, and that if he will keep the schooner within the islands he will be joined by Commodore Bowen, with whom he may act in concurrence.

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PAY OF A BATTALION IN THE CONTINENTAL SERVICE.

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| Colonel | 50 | Dollars per month. | |
| Lieutenant Colonel | 40 | do. | do. |
| Major | 33⅓ | do. | do. |
| Captain | 26⅔ | do. | do. |
| Lieutenant | 18 | do. | do. |
| Ensign | 13⅓ | do. | do. |
| Anjutant | 18⅓ | do. | do. |
| Quarter Master | 18⅓ | do. | do. |
| Surgeon | 25 | Raised to 33 June 5th, 1776. | |
| Mate | 18 | Dollars per month. | |
| Chaplain | 20 | Raised to 33⅓, July 5th. | |
| Sergeant | 8 | Dollars per month. | |
| Corporal, Drummer and Fife, each | 7⅓ | do. | do. |
| Private | 6⅔ | Light Infantry the same. | |

ARTILLERY.

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| Captain | 26⅔ | Dollars per month. | |
| Captain Lieutenant | 20 | do. | do. |
| First and Second Lieutenants | 18⅓ | do. | do. |
| Lieutenant Fireworker | 13⅓ | do. | do. |
| Sergeant | 8⅓ | do. | do. |
| Corporal | 7½ | do. | do. |
| Bombardier | 7 | do. | do. |
| Matross | 6⅚ | do. | do. |
| Sergeant Major | 9 | do. | do. |
| Quartermaster Sergeant | 9 | do. | do. |
| Drum Major | 8⅓ | do. | do. |
| Fife Major | 8⅓ | do. | do. |
| Regimental Paymaster | 26⅔ | do. | do. |

GEORGIA—In Council, Aug. 8th, 1776.

Mr. Thomas Young presented a petition to the Board, setting forth that when he was last at Saint Augustine he purchased a quantity of goods from one Archibald Lundy, and that he now stands actually engaged for the payment of the said goods, the amount of upwards of three thousand, five hundred pounds sterling; which being considered, it was ordered that the said goods be still retained in possession of the Commissary of this State, and be sold by him to the people, and that this Board will be answerable to Mr. Lundy for the amount of such goods as may come into their hands.

AUGUST 9th, 1776.

Thomas Young, Esqr., waited on the Board and requested that his affair respecting the goods of Archibald Lundy might be reconsidered; when it was the opinion of the Board that it be referred to the consideration of the next Convention.

A true copy from the minutes.

EWD. LANGWORTHY, *Sec'y.*

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GEORGIA—In Convention, Feb. 17th, 1777.

The petition of Mr. Thomas Young was returned, with the following report of the Committee: That as Archd. Lundy, of Saint Augustine, from whom Mr. Thomas Young says, in his petition, that he bought a parcel of goods, has been actually concerned in levying war against and plundering the inhabitants of this State, it is their opinion that Mr. Young ought not to receive any compensation for the said goods, which was unanimously agreed to; and it was resolved that it is the sense of this House that any contract or agreement which Thomas Young, of this State, hath entered into with Archibald Lundy, of the Province of East Florida,

merchant, relative to the purchase of a certain parcel of goods, some time seized and sold in this State as the property of the said Lundy, shall be held to be null and void. And in case any suit shall be commenced upon the same, no Judge or Court ought to suffer such suit to be prosecuted or carried on, but shall order the party plaintiff to be non-suited, it being the act of House, and not of the said Thomas Young, which prevents a performance of any such contract or agreement.

A true copy from the minutes.

EDWARD LANGWORTHY, *Sec'y.*

I do certify and declare that I have often seen and am well acquainted with the handwriting of Edward Langworthy, late Secretary to the Council and Convention of this State, and I, in my conscience, believe the preceding extracts from their minutes, and the name Edward Langworthy, to be the proper handwriting of him, the said Edward Langworthy.

JAS. MAXWELL.

11th November, 1777.

# ACCOUNT

OF

# THE SIEGE OF SAVANNAH,

FROM A BRITISH SOURCE.

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*From the South Carolina and American General Gazette No. 1086, December 10, 1779:*

The following journal of the siege of Savannah is taken from the *Royal Georgia Gazette* of November 18, 1779.

On Friday, the 3rd of September last, several large ships were seen off our bar, and a boat being sent out by Capt. Brown of his Majesty's ship Rose with a Lieutenant on board, they were plainly discovered to be French.

Monday evening, the 6th, a sloop called the Polly (prize to the privateer schooner General Matthews, which we mentioned in our paper of the 26th of August, she had taken off Winyaw) came up to town. On the Tuesday before she was retaken, to the northward of the bar, by a French 74 gun ship, they took all the people out of her, except one man, and put five Frenchmen in their room. In the gale of wind of that night she parted from the man of war, and, on Saturday morning arriving off Tybee, the English seaman told the Frenchman that it was the entrance to Charlestown, and by that means brought the sloop to anchor in the mouth of the river. After the arrival of this vessel, it was said that

the fleet consisted of the Magnifique of 74, and Sphinx of 64 guns (part of a reinforcement of four line of battle ships lately sent from France to join the Count D'Estaing in the West Indies), two frigates a schooner and a cutter, all from Cape Francois bound to Boston for masts and spars.

On Tuesday the 7th, a number of vessels appeared off Tybee bar, but went off again, and the next day about fifty-one were reckoned off Warsaw, twenty-five of which were said to be ships of the line.

Thursday morning, the 9th, they were all off Tybee again, and some of them fired at Capt. McDonagh's packet boats from St. Augustine, attempting to get in, which fell into their hands. That evening four frigates got over the bar and came to anchor at Tybee, and in the night or early in the morning landed a number of men on the island, his Majesty's ships Fowey, Rose, Keppel, German, armed ship Savannah, Comet Galley, and some other vessels were ordered up the river to strengthen the garrison, on the French vessels getting over the bar.

The French who had landed reimbarked on Friday, the 10th, and all the fleet except the frigates at anchor at Tybee steered for the southward, next day they appeared again off the bar.

It seemed now evident that they intended a serious attack on this place, we had for some time been repairing the four old redoubts and making some additional works, having been threatened with an attack from the rebels; but now the greatest and most extraordinary exertions were made by Capt. Moncrieff, chief engineer, and which he continued during the whole siege with unremitting ardour, betwixt two hundred and three hundred negroes were ordered by Governor and Council immediately set to work, and thirteen good redoubts were erected around the Town, and fifteen gun batteries, containing about

seventy-six pieces of cannon, 18, 9 and 6 pounders, were raised between the redoubts, these batteries were manned by the sailors of the ships of war, transports and merchantmen in the river, besides which there were several 4 pounders properly placed without the batteries and five field pieces.

On Sunday night, the 12th, the French began to land their troops at Beaulieu, about 14 miles from town.

Thursday, the 16th, in the forenoon, a letter was sent into camp by Count D'Estaing, the French General, demanding a surrender of the Town to the French King; he was then within three miles of this place; he trusted in this letter of his formidable armament by sea and land, the great feats he had performed with it in the West Indies, and mentioned how much Lord M'Cartney had suffered by not capitulating in Grenada, and that it was in vain to think of resisting his force, warned Gen. Prevost against the consequences attending the place's being taken by storm, and hinted that he would be answerable for the lives of the people that might be lost, etc. The answer returned to this letter by Gen. Prevost was to the following purport: That he hoped the Count had a better opinion of him, and the British Army he had the honor to command, than to expect they would surrender the Town, and on a general summons, without knowing on what specific terms or conditions; that if he had any terms to offer, he desired they might be made known; and mentioned his having communicated the contents of his letter to the Civil Governor. To this the Count replied, that it was the part of the besieged, and not the besiegers to propose terms. Upon which it was signified to him that it was a matter of great consequence, and there were many different interests to be adjusted and settled, and therefore it was desired that 24 hours might be allowed to consider of it. The Count accordingly agreed to wait till the firing of

the evening gun on Friday, the 17th. In the afternoon of the 16th a Council of War was held in the General's tent, consisting of field officers (the Governor and Lieutenant Governor being present) to consider of a final answer to be sent to the Count, when it was the unanimous opinion of the whole members, that the Town should be defended to the last extremity, and that this resolution should be made known to the French General. This day, to the inexpressible joy of the whole army, the Honorable Colonel Maitland, with part of the troops under his command, arrived here from Beaufort, and on Friday the 17th, some more of them came up to Town. The artillerymen of the Hessian corps, Hessian convalescents and about 170 of the 71st Regiment, were left with the Vigilant armed ship, three gallies and three transports which were obliged to remain at Dafuskee, with all the artillery stores, baggage, etc., some of the French frigates having got a considerable way up the river. The whole of the troops that arrived from Beaufort amounted to about 800 men; they were piloted up through marshes, and through Dafuskee Cut Off where they were often up to the middle in mud and water, and were brought up the river in small boats.

On the evening of Sunday, the 19th, two French frigates appeared in sight of the Town; below Saltus Island, just before dark, two rebel gallies came farther up, and exchanged a good many shots with the Savannah Venus transport, and the Comet and Thunderer gallies.

The French were busily employed in bringing cannon, etc., from Beaulieu till the 23rd, when in the night they broke ground.

Next morning about 90 of the Light Infantry under Maj. Graham, were sent out to endeavor to bring the French out of their lines, thereby to form some judgment of their numbers, and bring them open to the fire of our cannon.

The scheme succeeded. Major Graham was followed by a heavy column of the French, who were exposed to the fire of the cannon, which galled them severely; their loss, by good authority, 14 officers and 145 privates killed and wounded; our loss was 1 subaltern and 3 privates killed, and 15 wounded. In the evening there was a good deal of firing betwixt the enemy's gallies and ours.

In the morning of Saturday, the 25th, there was a sharp cannonade for a short time from the French battery of one 18 and one 6 pounder; a Hessian was killed in his tent by an 18 pound shot; several balls went through houses in town, but no person was hurt. The rebel gallies, in the evening, began again to fire at ours, which was returned, and likewise a good many shots were fired at them from the battery at the Trustees' Gardens, where Capt. John Mills commanded. Betwixt eight and nine at night, one of the enemy's gallies, which came up as far as the Rose man of war, sunk on the Garden bank, was soon obliged, by the fire from this battery, to be towed off to her former station below Flyming's Island.

From the 24th, the French were extending their lines and works and bringing cannon, mortars, &c., from Beaulieu, Thunderbolt and Caston's Bluff.

On Tuesday, the 28th, a French armed ship of 26 guns, called the Trieste, anchored in the Back River nearly opposite the town.

Saturday, October 2d, about noon, the above ship and the two rebel gallies began a heavy fire upon the town and camp, which continued for about an hour, but did no damage. During the afternoon they fired a good deal more as before.

On Sunday, the 3d, at 12 at night, the French opened a bomb battery of nine mortars and threw shells into

the town and camp all night, one of which killed Ensign Pollard, of the Second Battalion of General DeLancey's Brigade, in a house on the Bay.

In the morning of the 4th, just as our morning gun was fired, the enemy opened two batteries, on which they had mounted 37 guns—18, 12 and 6 pounders—from which they began a most furious cannonade upon the town, at the same time not relaxing in their bombardment. A young woman, daughter of Mrs. Thompson, on the Bay, was killed by one of the shot, but no person was hurt in camp. During this cannonade and bombardment, the ship in the Back River and the rebel gallies also fired many shot into town. The fire from our batteries was likewise very hot, and many shells from many small cohorns were thrown into the French works. This day the Governor and Lieutenant Governor moved to the camp, having pitched a tent next to Col. Maitland's, on the right of the line.

Tuesday, the 5th, at 7 in the morning, there was again a cannonade and bombardment from the enemy. A mulatto man and three negroes were killed in the Lieutenant Governor's cellar, In the evening the house of the late Mrs. Lloyd, near the church, was burned by a shell, and seven negroes lost their lives in it. Whilst the house was on fire one of the hottest cannonadings they had yet made was kept up to prevent people from extinguishing the flames. In the night another shell fell through Mrs. Lanier's house, on Broughton street, which killed two women and two children who were under it. The bombardment and cannonade continued all night.

Wednesday, the 6th, there was another cannonade and bombardment as before, which shattered the houses in town considerably. The French opened another battery of two small guns near the bomb battery.

Thursday, the 7th, as the preceding day, several carcasses were thrown during the night, one of which burnt an old house in Broughton street.

Capt. John Simpson, of the Georgia Loyalists, was killed on the morning of Friday, the 8th, by a grape shot from the French batteries, whilst he was walking in Major Wright's redoubt. Much damage was done to the houses this day by cannon shot. The firing continued very hot all night, and a great number of shells were thrown, one of which fell into the Prevost, killed two men on the spot and wounded nine others, some of whom died since; another burst in the cellar under the office of the Commissioners of Claims, killed one negro and wounded another.

On Saturday, the 9th, about daybreak, an attack was made by the French and rebels on the redoubt, to the right of our lines, on the road leading to Ebenezer, the battery near the spring, and on the redoubt by Col. Maitland's tent, into which the Colonel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor repaired.

The attack was made with great spirit and impetuosity by the French, supposed to be about three thousand, five hundred of the flower of their army, to which were joined about two thousand, five hundred rebels, consisting of the Virginia and South Carolina Continentals and South Carolina Militia.* Count D'Estaing acted as first and General Lincoln as second in command. The morning being very foggy, favoured them in their assault, which continued about an hour, when they were beat back, and most shamefully retreated with great precipitation. The troops who alone defeated this formidable force consisted of 26 dismounted dragoons, 28 battalion men of the Sixtieth Regiment, 64 South Carolina

* The punctuation here given, though it renders the meaning ambiguous, is that of the manuscript. For full particulars concerning the number of troops engaged on both sides in this battle, see *Siege of Savannah* by Jones, p. 40. Also, Jones' History of Georgia, Vol. II. p. 405.

Loyalists, in the redoubt on the Ebenezer road, when Capt. Jarves commanded, and who fell in bravely defending it.

Ninety of Col. Hamilton's North Carolina Loyalists, 75 Militia under Captains Wallace, Tallemach and Polhill, in the redoubt in which Col. Maitland was.

Seventy-four grenadiers of the Sixtieth Regiment, 37 marines, who were ordered to support the redoubts and bravely charged the enemy with their bayonets.

Besides the above, the Spring battery of 6 guns, manned with 31 sailors, under the command of Captains Manby and Steil, did very great execution, which contributed much to the glorious success of the day.

On the left the rebels made two feints—one on Major Wright's redoubt, by General Williamson with 500 men, the other on General Cruger's, by General Huger with 700—but both parties soon retreated, having about 50 men killed and wounded.

After the retreat of the enemy from our right, 270 men, chiefly French, were found dead, upward of 80 of whom lay in the ditch and on the parapet of the redoubt first attacked, and 93 more within our abbatis. Two rebel standards were once fixed on the redoubt on the Ebenezer road; one of them was carried off again, and the other, which belonged to the Second Carolina Regiment, was taken.

Since the attack we have learnt from French officers, deserters and others, that they lost in killed and wounded 700 men; some say 1,000 and others 1,500, reckoning 63 officers in the list of slain. Amongst the wounded was Count D'Estaing, and the famous Polish Count Pulaski; the former received a musket shot in his arm and another in his thigh, the latter a grape shot in his loin, and is since dead.

The rebels, by the best information we can get, lost in killed and wounded about 500.

Our loss on this ever memorable occasion was only Capt. Jarves, 15 privates killed and 35 wounded, amongst them Lieut. Smollett Campbell of the Light Dragoons, and Lieut. James Wallace, of the first company of Militia.

Our whole force, regulars, volunteer Militia and sailors on duty, did not exceed two thousand and fifty men.

A flag was soon sent in by the enemy, desiring a truce for the burial of their dead and receiving the wounded, which was agreed to until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and then prolonged till dark. During the night there was a slight cannonading on both sides, and many deserters came in.

Sunday, 10th, several flags passed and truces were agreed to for the above purposes. Some deserters came in during the night.

Monday, the 11th, deserters continued coming in, who informed that the French were sending off their sick and wounded, and heavy cannon on board their ships; and that the panick-struck rebel Militia were running in great numbers.

On Tuesday, the 12th, at day light the French fired only three shots from small pieces of cannon.

Wednesday, 13th, the enemy early in the morning, fired one shot from a field piece in return from several from our batteries. This forenoon the Trieste moved out of the Back River, and came to an anchor in five fathom hole, the wind being unfavorable for her getting down the river. In the night a few shot from our batteries produced some from the French.

In the night of Thursday, the 14th, our firing was answered by the enemy, deserters still come in, two more rebel gallies joined the others at five fathom hole.

Friday, the 15th, we were informed that all the Carolina Militia were gone off. This day a ship came up and

joined the enemy's fleet. Deserters continue to come in. Much firing from our batteries in the night, answered by three or four guns from the French.

Saturday, the 16th, in the afternoon, there was a good deal of skirmishing on Mr. McGillivray's plantation between some negroes and a party of rebels, and the latter were several times driven from the buildings on the plantation into the woods. Want of ammunition, however, obliged the blacks to retreat in the evening with the loss of one killed and three or four wounded, the enemy's loss is not known. There was very little firing this night from the French who had sent off all their cannon but two.

Sunday, the 17th, we were informed that the French Militia and Black Brigade, had marched to Col. Mullryne's to embark. The enemy fired a few shot in the night.

Monday, the 18, our firing this night was not answered by the enemy.

On Tuesday, the 19th, we received advice that the French had taken post two miles from Town at the cross roads, leading to Brewton's with a swamp on their right and left, that the rebels were crossing the river with all expedition, at the Two Sisters and the Revd. Mr. Zubly's ferry. The French batteries were this day destroyed by parties sent out for that purpose.

Wednesday, the 20th, the Militia were discharged; the Light Dragoons scoured the country for several miles round and brought in some prisoners; a party of Capt. McGirth's men came in from the southward, and also brought some prisoners. All the French embarked at Caston's Bluff in 100 boats, in which they proceeded to Tybee and went on board their ships. From the 21st to the 30th, the wind hanging to the eastward, prevented the enemy's shipping that had come up the river from getting down, Cartels during this time were coming up with prisoners.

The 31st. The French and rebel vessels got down to Cockspur, and on Tuesday, the 2nd November, the whole of the enemy's shipping that were at Tybee sailed over the bar, and left our port open.

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The loss of the British in the sortie, on the morning of the 24th of September, by every account from deserters, was considerably more than was represented above, and that of the French did not exceed eighty-four in killed and wounded. The strength of the American army is also exaggerated, as it never exceeded three thousand French and two thousand American effectives.

The French column, in the attack of the 9th, consisted of about thirteen hundred men; the American column, led by General McIntosh, one thousand, and the Militia, with the South Carolina independent companies, under Generals Huger and Williamson, six hundred. The whole loss of the French and Americans on that day was about eight hundred in killed, wounded and missing; near a third of the force in the attack—a circumstance that fully refutes the reflection contained above, in the expression "shamefully retreated."

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